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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
AT
ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

*Tilsonburg, 18th August, A. L. 5899; Mer-
ritton, 9th Sept., A. L. 5899; Bradford,
27th October, A. L. 5899; Toronto,
25th April, A. L. 5900; Welland,
15th June, A. L. 5900, and
Owen Sound, 2nd July, A. L. 5900.*

ALSO AT THE

FORTY - FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD IN THE CITY OF LONDON,

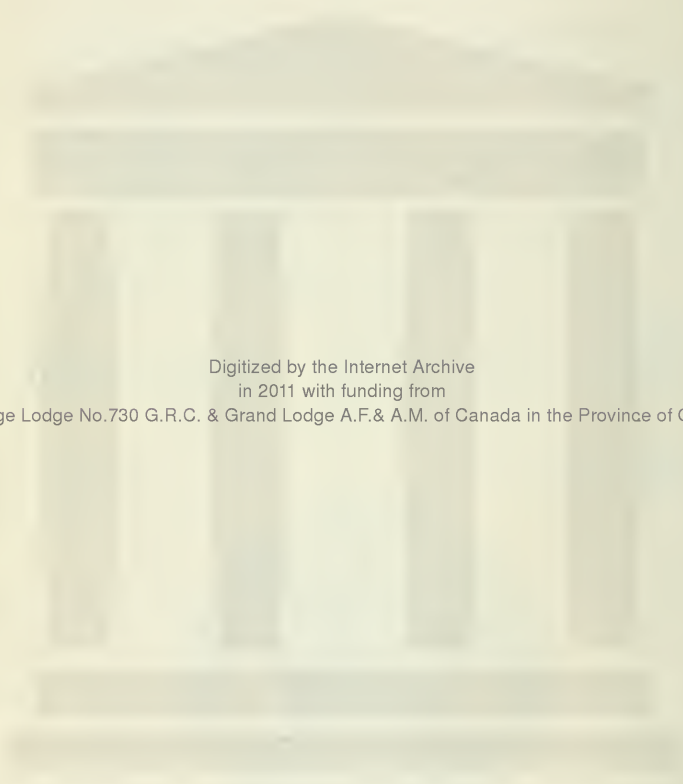
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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Town Hall, in the Village of Tilsonburg, on Friday, the 16th day of August, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro.	E. T. Malone	.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	R. B. Hungerford	.....	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	T. M. Davis	.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro.	W. T. Essery	.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro.	Ven. Archdeacon Davis	.....	as Grand Chaplain.
" "	J. A. C. Anderson	.....	as Grand Treasurer.
" "	W. McDonald	.....	as Grand Registrar.
" "	I. J. Mason	.....	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro.	J. G. Bottomley	.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	John Callard	.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
" "	B. Bryan	.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
" "	John McDonald	.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
" "	W. E. Hooker	.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
" "	W. S. Law	.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
" "	A. E. Raynes	.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	E. G. Malcolm	.....	as Grand Organist.
" "	C. M. Wilson	.....	as Asst. Grand Organist.
" "	Wm. Corlett	.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
" "	S. T. Logan	.....	} as Grand Stewards.
" "	J. E. Anderson	.....
" "	S. Errett	.....
" "	T. Gegan	.....
" "	G. J. Phillips	.....
" "	Jos. Aspinall	.....	} as Grand Stewards.
" "	Geo. Anscomb	.....
			as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren hailing from various lodges.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1:30 o'clock p.m., in the Town Hall by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's (Anglican) Church.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of W. Bro. John McDonald, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

TOWN OF TILSONBURG,

Diocese of Huron, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada.

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the Eighteenth day of August, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899, the 63rd year of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency the RIGHT HONORABLE GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, G. C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

The Right Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, G. C. M. G., being Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRED LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable ARTHUR S. HARDY, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable E. J. DAVIS, being Provincial Secretary.

M. W. Bro. E. T. MALONE, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.

R. W. Bro. A. W. CRYSLER, D. D. G. M. of the sixth Masonic District.

The Right Reverend MAURICE SCOTT BALDWIN, D. D., being Bishop of the Diocese of Huron.

The Reverend E. W. HUGHES, being Rector of the Parish.

Mr. GEORGE FROST, being Minister's Warden.

Mr. A. E. RAYNES, being People's Warden.

Mr. E. E. HILTON, Lay Delegate to the Synod.

Building Committee, consisting of Mr. T. C. Waller, Chairman;
Mr. C. Luke, Mr. John Smith, Mr. G. Brasher, Mr. J.
Thompson and Mr. J. E. Weston.

The building being erected under the supervision of Mr. John
Smith. Mr. Mancel Wilmott, of Toronto, being the
architect.

This Corner Stone

OF THE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

was laid by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, assisted by the Grand
Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse
of brethren and citizens, with the usual
ceremonies of the Order.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll
in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing
the scroll and certain newspapers and records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was pre-
sented to the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master
applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after
it had been placed in position, and announced that the
craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the
stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it:

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren
returned to the Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in
ample form.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Merriton, on Saturday, the 9th day of September, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson	as Deputy Grand Master.
“ T. M. Davis.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. W. Thompson.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
“ Rev. W. A. Cook	as Grand Chaplain.
“ J. G. McIntyre	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. W. J. McCartney.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
“ John Green.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
“ John Knox	as Grand Supt. of Works.
“ A. McClenchie	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
“ R. Campbell.....	as Assistant Grand Secy.
“ Geo. Burch.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
“ J. A. Grubb	as Grand Organist.
“ John McCrall.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
“ A. W. Matteson	} as Grand Stewards.
“ M. Henry	
“ J. C. Hull.....	
“ R. G. Hooper.....	
“ E. E. Fraser.....	
“ A. Ferry	
“ Geo. Stanley	
“ R. Walton.....	
“ A. Hodge	}
“ T. J. Stevenson.....	
“ Jno. A. Marquis	
Bro. A. Sutherland.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren hailing from various lodges.

The constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock forenoon, in the Town Hall, by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the pur-

pose of laying the foundation stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Merritton.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of W. Bro. A. McClenchie, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the
Universe,**

On the Ninth day of September, A. D., 1899 A. L. 5899, the
62nd year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia,
Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency the Right Honorable GILBERT JNO. ELLIOT, Earl
of Minto, G. C. M. G., being Governor General
of Canada.

The Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, G. C. M. G., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable A. S. HARDY, being Premier of the Province of
Ontario.

The Reverend J. LINDSAY ROBERTSON, M. A., B. D., being
name of Pastor.

The Reverend ROBERT CAMPBELL, W. Sc., being Moderator of
General Assembly.

Captain WILLIAM WYLIE, being Warden of County.

M. W. Bro. ELIAS TALBOT MALONE, Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.,
in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. H. CROW, D. D. G. M. of the Niagara Masonic
District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

was laid by M. W. Elias Talbot Malone, assisted by the Grand officers, and in presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the County.

TRUSTEES—J. S. Hara, R. Hunter, Joseph Turner.

MANAGERS—Jas. Marshall, E. Brown, R. Hunter, Alex. Aitken,
J. Q. McComb, Wm. McCormack, Wm. Walker,
Jas. S. Hara, Wm. Jamieson.

TREASURER—Wm. Jamieson.

PASTOR—Rev. J. L. Robertson, M. A., B. D.

BUILDING COMMITTEE :

A. R. Thompson Chairman.

Wm. Jamieson Financial Secretary.

Jas. Marshall,	E. Brown,
R. Hunter,	Alex. Aitken,
J. Q. McComb,	Wm. McCormack,
Wm. Walker,	D. Walker,
J. S. Hara,	Jos. Turner,
S. Moffat,	John McCraw,
Wm. Andrews.	

ELDERS—Samuel Moffat, David Gibson, J. S. Hara, Wm. Jamieson.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing the scroll and certain newspapers and records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master by the Building Committee.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren re-

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turned to the Town Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed
in ample form.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the Village of Bradford, 27th day of October, A. D. 1899. A. L. 5899.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Dr. F. Kent.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
“ T. G. Inwood.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
“ H. S. Broughton.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
“ Rev. G. Chrystal.....	as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. W. J. Hallett.....	as Grand Secretary.
“ J. H. Dickenson.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
“ J. Jones.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. G. Ogilvy.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. M. L. Stevenson.....	as Grand Arch.
R. W. Bro. J. MacFarlane.....	) as Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. N. Shafley.....	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 8 o'clock p.m. by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, who announced that theis special communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of dedicating the New Masonic Lodge rooms, to be occupied by the Bradford brethren.

After the usual consecration and dedicatory ceremonies had been conducted by the Grand Master, he delivered an appropriate and instructive address to the large assembly of brethren present.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Afterwards the Grand Lodge and the other brethren were entertained at a banquet.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, the 25th April, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	E. T. Malone.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	R. B. Hungerford	Deputy Grand Master.
"	C. W. Postlethwaite	as Grand Senior Warden.
"	J. C. Morgan.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
"	Rev. A. D. Reynar	as Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro.	Hugh Murray	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro.	D. Ross.....	as Grand Registrar.
"	J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro.	J. A. Carveth.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
"	C. A. J. Farquhar	as Grand Junior Deacon.
"	H. Leeson.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro.	John Nicolle.....	Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro.	E. Herbert Briggs	as Grand Sword Bearer.
"	M. Levery	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
"	Raymond Walker.....	as Grand Organist.
"	W. J. Wilson	as Asst. Grand Organist.
"	S. B. Sykes.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
"	A. Anderson.....	as Grand Steward.
"	— Lovell	as " "
"	F. Bell	as " "
V. W. Bro.	R. J. Munro	" "
"	E. M. Carleton	" "
"	Daniel Rose	" "
W. Bro.	W. H. McFadden.....	as " "
"	A. Morton	as " "
"	W. H. Shaw.....	as Grand Standard Bearer.
"	John Pritchard	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock p.m., by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of consecrating the New Masonic Lodge Rooms to be occupied by certain of the Toronto Lodges.

After the usual consecration and dedicatory ceremonies had been conducted by the Grand Master, he delivered an appropriate and instructive address to the large assembly of brethren present.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Welland, on Friday, the 15th day of June, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Crow	as Deputy Grand Master.
“ I. P. Willson	as Grand Senior Warden.
“ T. M. Davis	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Reynar	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. N. Shafley.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Geo. Burch.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
“ R. G. Hoover.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
“ David Ross.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
“ Rev. W. A. Cook.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
“ G. Sutherland.....	as Asst Grand Dir. of Cer.
“ B. J. Leubsdorf.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
“ D. Jones	as Grand Organist.
“ W. E. Barker	as Grand Pursuivant.
“ T. Main	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
“ C. Stewart	as Grand Steward.
“ Wm. E. Shafley	“ “
“ John F. Hill.....	“ “
“ W. A. Simpsyn	“ “
“ Wm. Wilson.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren hailing from various lodges.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., in the Masonic Hall, by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had ben called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new Central School.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

called off and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the
Universe,**

On the Fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900, the
Sixty-third year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia,
Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT
MURRAY KYNNYMOND, Earl of Minto, etc., being
Governor General of Canada.

The Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, being Lieutenant-Governor
of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier
of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

The Honorable RICHARD HARCOURT, being Minister of Education
for the Province of Ontario.

WILLIAM McCLEARY, M. P., and W. M. GERMAN, M. P., being
Representatives for the County of Welland.

J. H. BALL, being Public School Inspector for the County of
Welland.

A. O. BEATTY, J. McCAW, T. MAIN, J. O'NEAL and D. ROBINS,
being the Building Committee.

CHARLES HENDERSON, being Warden of the County of Welland.

J. R. McCOLLUM, being Mayor of the Town of Welland.

M. W. E. T. BRO. MALONE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. H. CROW, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic
District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

of the Town of Welland was laid by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Welland and vicinity.

COMMITTEE ON CEREMONY.

W. Bro. D. RossChairman.
Bro T. Main.....Secretary.
W. Bro. G. W. Sutherland, W. Bro. W. G. Sommerville,
W. Bro. Barker, Bro. J. B. Stephens.
Bro. E. P. Robins.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

A. O. Beatty.....Chairman.
J. McCawSecretary.
D. Ross, W. Staff,
E. H. Burgar, J. O. Neal,
D. Robins, T. Main.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it:

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Immediately after closing of Grand Lodge the brethren present were entertained at a banquet.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Town Hall of Owen Sound, Monday, the 2nd July, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	James McLauchlan	.....	as Grand Master.
"	Robt. McKnight	.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
"	John Creasor	.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
"	W. E. Bishop	.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
"	Rev. Dr. Waits	.....	as Grand Chaplain.
"	Hugh Kennedy	.....	as Grand Treasurer.
"	W. J. Graham	.....	as Grand Secretary.
"	Wm. Wilbur	.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
"	John M. Campbell	.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
"	O. Brown	.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro.	Allan Cameron	M. D.	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
"	W. Tucker	.....	as Grand Organist.
"	W. H. Sinclair	.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
"	Ewing Cameron	.....	} as Grand Stewards.
"	Hugh Read	.....
"	W. H. Wellington	.....
"	W. G. Little	.....
"	A. Hutchinson	.....
"	R. McDowall	.....
"	R. Douglass	.....	} as Grand Stewards.
"	W. A. White	.....
"	Wm. Little	.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren from the following and other lodges, viz.: St. George's Lodge No. 88, North Star Lodge No. 322, Owen Sound; Pythagoras No. 137, Meaford.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form in the Masonic Lodge Room at two o'clock p. m., by the acting Grand Master, who stated that the communication had been called for the purpose of assisting him in laying the corner stone of St. Thomas (Episcopal) Church in the Town Plot of Brooke.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

called off and a procession formed, under the direction of W. Bro. Dr. Allan Cameron, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe,

On the Second day of July, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900, the Sixty-fourth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, etc.

The Right Honorable The EARL OF MINTO, K. G., being Governor General of Canada.

The Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, K. C., M. G., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P. C., K. C. M. G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable G. W. ROSS, LL. D., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable W. PATTERSON, M. P., and G. M. BOYD, M. P., representing North Grey in the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments.

The Right Reverend MAURICE SCOLLARD BALDWIN, D. D., being Lord Bishop of Huron.

The Reverend GEORGE MARK FRANKLIN, L. Th., being Incumbent of this Parish.

JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., of Chatsworth, being Warden of the County of Grey.

WILLIAM PEDWELL, Esq., being Reeve of the Township of Sarawak.

M. W. Bro. E. T. MALONE, G. M. of the G. L. of Canada, A. F. and A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DR. F. D. KENT, being D. D. G. M. of the 9th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

was laid by the R. W. Bro. James McLauchlan, P. G. S.W., acting as G. M. under dispensation, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the town and surrounding County.

The Building Committee is composed of the Rev. G. M. Franklin, L. Th., (Chairman), Messrs. George Cole, Vesey H. Hill, (Treasurer), Charles D. Liddell, William Pedwell, R. Judson Doyle and Robert Julian.

The Inspector of the work is Mr. John Brown. The Contractors for the stone work are Messrs. French and Stuart of Owen Sound.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the acting Grand Master by the Rev. G. M. Franklin, incumbent of St. Thomas' Church, Chairman of the Building Committee, on behalf of the congregation.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony addresses were delivered by the acting Grand Master and others.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the lodge room, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of London, commencing on Wednesday, the 18th day of July, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Macdonell	Grand Senior Warden.
“ Fred. D. Kent, M. D.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
“ Rev. G. Chrystal	as Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. T. M. Davis.....	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason ...	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M. P.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
“ E. T. Essery	Grand Junior Deacon.
“ Alex. Gibson	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
R. W. Bro. Jas. Nixon	as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. Jas. P. Boles.....	Grand Pursuivant.
“ R. J. Munro	}
“ N. Shafley	
“ F. Holwell.....	
“ John Anderson.....	
“ Thos. Shaw	
“ E. M. Carlton	
“ Jas. Old	Grand Stewards.
“ John Parsell.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
“ W. C. Fitzgerald	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Bro. John Robertson	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

		District No.
R. W. Bro. J. T. McKillop	Erie	1
“ R. Coghlan.....	St. Clair	2
“ Geo. F. Morris	London	3
“ John H. Reid	South Huron	4
“ Geo. Landerkin, M. D....	North Huron	5

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Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship Mayor Rumball and members of the City Council were announced, introduced and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

E. T. Malone, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario :

SIR,—I have the honor, on behalf of the Municipal Corporation, to extend to yourself and other officers and members of this Grand Lodge a very sincere and cordial welcome to the City of London. About one half of the members of our Municipal Council, this year, are members of the Craft, and they of course agree that there's nothing too good for the strangers at present within our gates. I do not wish you, however, to infer that their colleagues less heartily than they wish you a pleasant and profitable sojourn here, for we are all conscious that in the selection of London as the place for holding your Annual Communication you have conferred a signal honor upon the commercial metropolis of Western Ontario. The Corporation which I have the honor to represent has not been unmindful of the serious inconvenience under which our local Masonic lodges at present labor, occasioned by the destruction so recently of all their lodge rooms and appliances, and to aid them in their efforts we have placed at their disposal the free use of the Public Hall and committee rooms at the City Buildings for the purposes of Grand Lodge, and they are still available should occasion require.

It is our earnest desire, not alone that your meeting here may be surrounded with all that is pleasant and agreeable, but that also it may be memorable for the friendships formed and ambitions realized under the restraining influence of Free Masonry, whose noble precepts and lofty ideals of manhood are discernible even by those who have not bowed the knee at its altars. In this age of ever increasing demands upon the time and the means of the generous in every community, there exists, I believe, no loftier or more genuine charity than that bestowed by the various Masonic organizations; while the princely munificence of a few members of the Craft have won the plaudits of the world. We therefore trust that prosperity may continue within your borders. Now, sir, permit us in conclusion to express the hope that when the affairs of your present communication become mere historical records, there may remain green and fresh in the memory of each member of this Grand Lodge some kindly remembrance of his visit, on this occasion, to the Forest City.

Signed on behalf of the Municipal Council,

F. G. RUMBALL,

Mayor.

The M. W. the Grand Master, having made a suitable response, and a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters from the London lodges

was announced, introduced and presented to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

To the Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone, Q. C., Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario:

The Brethren in London cordially welcome you to the Forest City and greet you with hearty wishes for the success of the Forty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and sincerely congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of the Craft within your jurisdiction.

We deeply regret, Most Worshipful Sir, that our plans for your entertainment during the past year had to be abandoned, owing to the destruction of our Temple by fire. We can assure you that it was with feelings of bitter disappointment that we found ourselves unable to tender you some mark of our respect during your second term of office. We therefore take this opportunity of assuring you that you have the confidence and esteem of every Mason in our city, and of extending to you our hearty congratulations upon the success which has attended the Craft under your able leadership. We know that you have made large sacrifices for Masonry, sparing neither your time nor your means, and that you will carry with you, when your term is ended, the brotherly love and affection of every craftsman in the Province.

The recent fire, to which we have referred, has caused us serious loss and a great inconvenience, and we must ask the indulgence of the members of Grand Lodge, if our arrangements for their reception and entertainment are not as elaborate or even as convenient as we would have wished them to be. We trust that the delegates may find comfortable and ample accommodation, and if this place of meeting is not all that might be desired, we can only regret that the fire which destroyed our lodge rooms also destroyed the Grand Opera House, which could better have accommodated so large a gathering.

Since the last communication of Grand Lodge the Empire has been engaged in one of the most serious wars of the century, now happily nearing a successful issue. Masons are loyal subjects, and many a craftsman from this Province is now serving his Queen and country in South Africa in the Canadian contingents. We are proud to remember also that the two great British leaders in this campaign—Lords Roberts and Kitchener, and many of the other Generals engaged, are active and influential members of the Craft, and that in the midst of their most arduous duties in the field, they have found time to attend Masonic gatherings at Bloemfontein and elsewhere.

We must congratulate the members of Grand Lodge upon the prompt and generous manner in which the Grand Lodge contributed to the relief of the sufferers from the great fire in Ottawa and Hull; the Masonic virtues of friendship, relief and brotherly love are thus proved to be active principles, and not merely empty forms of words.

We trust that your stay in our city, with its beautiful parks and

many other places of interest, may be enjoyable and pleasant to you, and that you will carry to your homes impressions of your visit which will ever be an agreeable reminder of a few days spent in our midst.

We do not forget that you are assembled for business, rather than for pleasure, and it is our sincere wish that every success may rest upon your present communication, and that your labors may be rewarded by the continued growth and prosperity of Masonry.

May brotherly love prevail in your deliberations, and may all Masonic virtues be reflected in your actions.

Signed on behalf of the brethren of London.

R. A. BAYLEY, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

J. E. ADKINS, W. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 42.

B. S. MURRAY, W. M. Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64

J. M. McWHINNEY, W. M. The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195.

ARTHUR W. WHITE, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 209 A.

H. J. CHILDS, W. M. Corinthian Lodge, No. 330.

JOHN KELLEY, W. M. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378.

R. D. A. HILLIER, W. M. Union Lodge, No. 380.

GEORGE F. MORRIS, D. D. G. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed himself as being highly gratified with the reception given to him and to the Grand Lodge by the officers and members of the London lodges.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend the annual communication were read from M. W. Bros. R. T. Walkem, John Ross Robertson, R. W. Bro. J. R. Stuart, Grand Junior Warden, V. W. Bro. John Nicolle, Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Campbell, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Bro. Charles M. Mead, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-fourth Annual Communication, held in the City of Toronto, on the 19th and 20th days of July, A. D. 1899, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf, John M. Shaw and Geo. S. May, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from lodges, reported the following as being present :

- No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.*
W. Bros. W. E. Lyall, Proxy, and J. G. Rousseau, P. M's.
- No. 3. Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*
W. Bro. J. Morgan, Shaw, W. M.
- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro. W. W. Wood, W. M.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.*
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- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.*
W. Bros. W. J. Drope, W. M. ; W. D. Forbes, A. C. Cole and W. F. Clark, P. M's.
- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.*
Bro. R. S. McGill, S. W. ; W. Bro. J. G. Bottomley, P. M.
- No. 11. Moira, Belleville.*
W. Bro. C. Ashley, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. Latimer, V. W. Bro. John Newton, W. Bro. W. S. Morden, P. M's.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.*
Bro. J. M. Balderson, S. W.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.*
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- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.*
R. W. Bros. R. J. Craig, Proxy, and A. R. Hargraft, P. M's.
- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. Hugh Mulholland, W. M.

- No. 20. St. John's, London.*
W. Bro. R. A. Baily, W. M. ; Bro. O. Elwood, S. W. ; Bro. J. A. Tancock, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. A. B. Greer ; V. W. Bros. M. D. Dawson, Jos. Hook ; W. Bros. Jas. Shaw, J. J. Jones, John Smith, Alex. Findlay, D. W. Blackwell, H. Draney, M. J. Graham and John Robertson, P. M's.
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- No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.*
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- No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.*
W. Bro. R. W. Hall, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bro. C. J. Humphrey, W. M.
- No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.*
W. Bro. S. B. Sykes, W. M. ; M. W. Bros. Kivas, Tully, W. R. White, R. W. Bros. W. Roaf, G. J. Bennett, C. W. Postlewaite ; W. Bros. E. B. Brown and W. J. Eakins, P. M's.
- No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.*
W. Bro. J. H. Colliuson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, P. M.
- No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.*
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W. Bro. J. Muir, W. M., and W. Bros. F. Prince and W. J. Lake, P. M's.

No. 348. *Georgian, Penetang.*

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Proxy.

No. 352. *Granite, Parry Sound.*

W. Bros. E. Pirie, W. M. ; Thos. McGowan and Wm. McGowan, P. M's.

No. 354. *Brock, Cannington.*

W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, P. M.

No. 356. *River Park, Streetsville.*

W. Bro. R. H. McClung, P. M., Proxy.

No. 357. *Waterdown, Millgrove.*

Bro. S. F. Smith, S. W. ; W. Bro. Wm. Burrell, Proxy.

No. 358. *Delaware Valley, Delaware.*

W. Bro. Samuel Lewis, Wm. ; R. W. Bro. W. C. Harris and W. Bros. John D. Reilly, A. B. Smith, John Hammond and Jas. Finch, P. M's.

- No. 359. *Vittoria, Vittoria.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Kennedy, P. M.
- No. 360. *Muskoka, Bracebridge.*
R. W. Bros. Richard Mills, P. M., Proxy, and Isaac Huber, P. M.
- No. 361. *Waverley, Guelph.*
W. Bros. W. A. Clarke, W. M.; Chas. Law and J. A. Ross, P. M's.
- No. 362. *Maple Leaf, Tara.*
W. Bros. A. McCullough, P. M., Proxy and Thos. Wilson, P. M.
- No. 364. *Dufferin, Melbourne.*
W. Bros. Geo. Hagerty, Wm. Peirce and E. F. Fenwick, P. M's.
- No. 367. *St. George, Toronto.*
W. Bro. John Drew, W. M., and W. Bros. J. W. Hickson, W. B. Stoneham and John J. Thompson, P. M's.
- No. 368. *Salem, Brockville.*
W. Bros. W. W. Wood, Proxy, and John R. Wright, P. M.
- No. 369. *Mimico, Islington.*
W. Bros. A. B. Rice, W. M.; J. D. Evans and W. P. Gray, P. M's.
- No. 371. *Prince of Wales, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. J. W. Turley, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 372. *Palmer, Bridgeburg.*
W. Bro. T. J. Wilber, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, P. M.
- No. 373. *Copetstone, Welland.*
W. Bro. G. W. Sutherland, W. M.
- No. 374. *Keene, Keene.*
R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 376. *Unity, Huntsville.*
W. Bro. D. M. Grant, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer, P. M.
- No. 377. *Lorne, Shelburne.*
W. Bro. J. P. Marshall, W. M.
- No. 378. *King Solomon's, London West.*
W. Bro. John Kelly, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. Simpson, V. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, and W. Bros. A. R. Galpin, F. A. Andrews, W. G. Element and John Hobbs, P. M's.
- No. 379. *Middlesex, Bryanston.*
W. Bro. P. T. Broome, W. W.; Bro. J. J. Noble, J. W.; W. Bros. Alex. Grant, Fred. Fitzgerald and W. G. Shobottom, P. M's.
- No. 380. *Union, London.*
W. Bro. R. D. A. Hillier, W. M.; Bro. John Lawson, S. W.; R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Morris, and W. Bros. Geo. Duncan, W. C. Fitzgerald, Stephen Grant, O. J. Bridle, Harry Stratfold

Ed Gardiner, Frank Hooper, Neil McNeil, D. Schwaitzer,
Geo. Norton, R. A. Carrothers and H. M. Ryan, P. M's.

No. 382. *Doric, Hamilton.*

Bro. G. H. Lannigan, S. W. ; W. Bros. Jas. Cheyne, Thos.
Cheyne, Thos Smith, Fred. Walker, H. J. Gilbert, G. W.
Purrott and C. Smith, P. M's.

No. 383. *Henderson, West Winchester.*

W. Bros. S. S. R. Weller, W. M., and G. Johnson, P. M.

No. 384. *Alpha, Toronto.*

W. Bros. R. Ross, W. M., and J. W. St. John, P. M.

No. 385. *Spry, Beeton.*

W. Bro. J. R. Croft, P. M., Proxy.

No. 386. *McColl, West Lorne.*

W. Bros. D. McKillop, W. M., and D. F. Webster, P. M.

No. 388. *Henderson, Ilderton.*

W. Bro. E. Ironside, W. M. ; Bro. P. Bowey, J. W. ; R. W.
Bro. T. A. Robson, and W. Bros. Thos. Olliver, J. D. O'Neil,
Max Kohl, Arch. Fraser and W. C. Martin, P. M's.

No. 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*

W. Bro. E. Porter, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. G. Middeditch, P. M.

No. 392. *Huron, Camlachie.*

W. Bro. C. O. Trusler, W. M. ; John Anderson, Thos. Craw-
ford and S. W. Trusler, P. M's.

No. 394. *King Solomon's, Thamesford.*

W. Bro. W. Bevins, W. M. ; Bro. James Bargent, S. W. ; W.
Bros. J. G. McNee, Frank Patterson, J. Clubb, J. McWilliams,
and J. N. Smith, P. M's.

No. 396. *Cedar, Wiarton.*

W. Bros. John McAuley, P. M., Proxy, and W. J. Fergus-
son, P. M.

No. 395. *Leopold, Brigden.*

W. Bro. Frank Nicoll, Proxy.

No. 398. *Victoria, Kirkfield.*

R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, Proxy.

No. 399. *Moffat, Harrietsville.*

W. Bros. J. H. O'Neil, Proxy, and J. J. Jolly, J. W. Keesler,
J. Campbell and Thos. McKee, P. M's.

No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*

W. Bros. J. C. Ford, P. M., W. H. Robinson, P. M., and Proxy.

No. 402. *Central, Essex Centre.*

W. Bro. J. W. Brien, W. M.

No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*

W. Bro. F. Bridges, W. M. ; Bros. F. P. Gaxin, S. W., and
R. H. Revell, J. W. ; W. Bros. A. N. Pettitt, J. S. Edgar and
A. Whitaker, P. M's.

- No. 404. *Lorne, Tamworth.*
W. Bro. John McKnight, W. M.
- No. 405 *Mattawa, Mattawa.*
W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, J. W.
- No. 406. *The Spry, Fenelon Falls.*
R. W. Bro J. M. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*
W. Bro. W. Williamson, W. M.
- No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*
W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, W. M.
- No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*
W. Bro. T. G. Malcolm, W. M ; Bro. R. H. Christie, S. W.
W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, P. M.
- No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*
W. Bro. Thos. Bushy, W. M. ; Bro. F. H. Wilson, J. W.
- No. 413. *Nathtali, Tilbury.*
W. Bros. Jas. Reynolds, P. M., and J. R. Palmer P. M , and
Proxy.
- No. 414. *Pequong, Rat Portage.*
R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, Proxy.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
W. Bros. A. E. Cumming, W. M., and G. W. Grant, P. M.
- No. 417. *Keewatin, Keewatin.*
R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*
W. Bro. T. W. Munro, W. M.
- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. J. W. Jackson, W. M.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bros. H. D. Leask, W. M., and A. J. Young and Geo. W.
Liddle, P. M's.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*
W. Bro. R. F. Taylor, W. M.
- No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*
R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey.
- No. 423. *Strong, Sundridge.*
W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, W. M.
- No. 425. *St. Clair, Sombra.*
W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, Proxy.
- No. 426. *Stanley, Toronto Junction.*
W. Bro. E. J. Anderson, W. M. ; Bro. J. Patterson, J. W. ;
W. Bro. R. S. McCormick, P. M.
- No. 427. *Nickel, Sudbury.*
W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, W. M. ; Bro. J. S. Gill, S. W.

- No. 428. *Fidelity, Port Perry.*
R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Proxy.
- No. 429. *Port Elgin, Port Elgin.*
R. W. Bro. Jas. Dundas, Proxy.
- No. 430. *Acacia, East Toronto.*
W. Bros. John Parsell, P. M., Proxy, and Rev. W. S. Baynes Reed, P. M.
- No. 431. *Moravian Eden Grove.*
W. Bro. Thos. S. Edgar, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 432. *Hanover, Hanover.*
R. W. Bro. Geo. Landerkin, P. M.; W. Bro. John Mitchell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 433. *Bonnechere, Eganville.*
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Proxy.
- No. 434. *Algonquin, Emsdale.*
W. Bros. R. McConkey, W. M., and H. S. Barber, P. M.
- No. 435. *Havelock, Havelock.*
W. Bro. W. S. Dodd, W. M.
- No. 437. *Tuscan, Sarnia.*
W. Bro. A. Kidd, W. M.
- No. 438. *Harmony, Toronto.*
W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Patterson, P. M.
- No. 439. *Alexandria, Alexandria.*
W. Bro. T. W. Munro, Proxy.
- No. 440. *Arcadia, Minden.*
W. Bro. A. H. Brandon, W. M.
- No. 441. *Westport, Westport.*
W. Bro. Robert Flegg, W. M.
- No. 442. *Dymont, Thessalon.*
W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, W. M.
- No. 444. *Nitetis, Creemore.*
W. Bro. H. M. Wright, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 445. *Lake of the Woods, Rat Portage.*
R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 446. *Granite, Fort Frances.*
R. W. Bro. W. S. Beaver, Proxy.
- No. 447. *Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.*
W. Bro. W. Anderson, W. M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication :

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE :

In this beautiful and prosperous city of Western Ontario I extend to one and all a fraternal welcome to the Forty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. I have anxiously looked forward to this reunion of old friends, to the pleasure of grasping their hands and of exchanging fraternal greetings. Around me are many brethren who for the first time are about to take part in our deliberations. I extend to them the right hand of fellowship and ask their assistance in legislating for the future welfare of Canadian Masonry. During the session important duties will be cast upon you. May you enter upon the discharge of the same with a determination that only such measures as redound to the credit of the Craft will be adopted, and may wisdom and justice be brought to bear upon all your transactions.

Two years ago you entrusted me with the guidance of Craft matters in this jurisdiction. No greater honor could be conferred upon any man ; no greater responsibility could be assumed by any mortal. Whether I have come up to your expectations is a verdict which I anxiously await, but no matter what the verdict may be, I trust you will at all events give me credit for bringing to bear upon my work all the zeal, energy and ability with which Providence has endowed me. I have gone in and out among my brethren, visiting them in their homes, giving advice and encouragement, pointing out to them the benefits of Freemasonry, and the duties cast upon each of them exemplifying Craft teachings by his life and conduct. I have been treated with uniform kindness and consideration by all my brethren, and have been ably assisted by loyal, zealous and enthusiastic Deputies in every district in the Province. I cannot extol too highly the work of these brethren, without whose assistance my work would have been fruitless.

All my requests were cheerfully complied with, and no sacrifice was considered too great in the performance of duties cast upon them. I can safely assert, without fear of contradiction, that the great prosperity which we now enjoy is due in a great measure to these indefatigable workers. In commending them to you I cannot do better than quote an American brother: "They are the arteries through which flow the life-blood of our institution. It is only through them that the Lodges can hope to receive annual visitations from Grand Lodge Officers, and these visitations not only awake renewed interest, but they create a desire on the part of the members for more light in Masonry."

It is a pleasure to again note the reports of peace and prosperity from every district in the jurisdiction. From correspondence of my Deputies, I am able to assure you of a respectable increase in our membership. I find that skilled Brethren preside over the Lodges, and that no appeal for charity has been neglected. It will be gratifying to learn that during the year Grand Lodge expended in charitable grants the sum of \$14,085, and that the subordinate lodges expended for the same purpose \$11,901.30, making a total of \$25,986.30, without taking into account the local Boards of Relief; while large sums have been contributed by the Lodges in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital, the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross Fund, and the Ottawa Fire sufferers. Our receipts during the year have exceeded those of any previous year, while our membership roll shows a net increase of 1,238, making the total membership of Grand Lodge 26,195. We continue to hold, and I trust, merit the friendship and good-will of every legitimate Grand Lodge in the world.

IN MEMORIAM.

While we rejoice in the prosperity which we now enjoy, while our faces light up with pleasure as the forms of old and cherished friends come into view, we return thanks to a kind Providence that Death has made but few breaches in our ranks. Year after year we pay a tribute of love to the memory of distinguished Brethren who have been called to their reward, but by some oversight no memorial page is set apart to the memory

of those who aspired not to be among the rulers of the Craft, but rather preferred to be of the class who serve, but whose lives have been an exemplification of the best teachings of Masonry. I desire, therefore, to add my tribute to this class, whom I shall term the nameless dead. To these desolate homes, to those whose hearts are rent with grief, we send a message of consolation, as well as an assurance that the memory of their loved ones is cherished in our hearts. Let us, my Brethren, so live that we be not surprised by death and leave behind us worthless memories. Let us continually bear in mind:—

“ There is a summons that all must heed,
 No matter what the belief or creed,
 High of station, or low of state,
 It comes to all of them, soon or late.
 In vain the aged, with tottering mien,
 Pleads that the summons is not for him,
 Doubtful, yet hopeful, clinging to life;
 A year or two more of trouble and strife.
 Careless the youth, no summons he fears,
 Life to him is a voyage of joy, not of tears;
 But the messenger comes, he cannot escape,
 It is sure as the pole star, relentless as fate,
 Craftsmen, have your work prepared,
 Marked and numbered, duly squared,
 That, when presented, no excuse
 Shall keep it from the builder's use.”

There has been forwarded to me the following names of those who have passed away:

R. W. Bro. R. H. Collins, of Exeter, P. D. D. G. M., died last year. He was a member of Lebanon Forest Lodge, of Exeter, and was P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron District, a position which he filled with ability and dignity, and earned the love and admiration of his Brethren.

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, of Chatham, died October 4th, 1899. He was a P. D. D. G. M. of London District when the Western Peninsula was embraced in that District.

R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi died at Peterboro on the 16th October, 1899, at the advanced age of 87 years. By his death the Craft loses one of its oldest and most respected members. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and was its Chaplain at the time of his

death. He was a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge before the organization of the present Grand Lodge. He was the Representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Chili.

R. W. Bro. Robert A. Mackay, of St. Thomas, died on the 23rd day of December, 1899. He was a member of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, and was P. D. D. G. M. of London District at the time of his death. He was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, of Brockville, the Judge of the County Court of the Counties of Leeds and Grenville. He was a P. D. D. G. M. of the District.

I recommend that memorial pages in our Proceedings be set apart to the memory of these Brethren.

We sympathize with Sister Grand Lodges in losses which they suffered by death during the year.

I was notified of the passing away of M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D., at Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., in August, 1899. His remains were interred with Masonic honors at Richmond, Quebec, where he resided for so many years. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and aided in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was elected its first Grand Master, a position which he occupied for nine years. He was an author of marked ability, and the Quebec Brethren are indebted to him for the history of Freemasonry in that Province. He was at the time of his death the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Ide, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York, died at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 9th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Henry Clay Tompkins, P. G. M., of Alabama, died at Montgomery, September 12th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. John S. Cross, P. G. M., of Michigan, died at Bangor, September 18th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Partridge, P. G. M., also of Michigan, died during the present month.

M. W. Bro. Alex. M. Evans, P. G. M., of West Virginia, died at Middleway, October 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Harrison Dills, P. G. M., of Illinois, died November 1st, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Alphonso Barto, P. G. M., of Minnesota, died November 4th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Lee A. Hall, P. G. H. M., of Missouri, died December 15th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Welsh, P. G. M., Connecticut, died December 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Robert Clow, P. G. M., of Oregon, died January 5th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Theo. G. Reames, P. G. M., of Oregon, died February 21st, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Williams, P. G. M., of Arkansas, died March 14th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Clark Buckingham, P. G. M., of Connecticut, died March 7th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Jas. E. Edmiston, P. G. M., of Connecticut near Grand Lodge of Washington, died at Dayton on May 9th, 1900.

R. W. Bro. Humphrey Minchin, M. B., our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, died during the spring of this year.

The Masons, not only of England, but of the world, have suffered a loss by the sudden death of Bro. John Lane, F. C. A., of Torquay, the Masonic Statistician of England. He was the author of "Masonic Records," in the preparation of which he spent ten years' time, and which is acknowledged as one of the most valuable books in connection with the records of Freemasonry in the world. He was an Accountant of great ability, and no man was more popular or had more friends.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the following brethren for appointment near this Grand Lodge:

M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. P., P. G. M., as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in the place of R. W. Bro. Robert A. McKay, deceased.

R. W. the Hon. James Sutherland, M. P., P. C., as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in place of M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, resigned.

Wor. Bro. A. L. Malone, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Chili, in place of R. W. Bro. V. Clementi, deceased.

At the request of the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges hereinafter mentioned, I have appointed the following named brethren Grand Representatives

for this Grand Lodge near the several Grand Lodges hereinafter named:

M. W. Bro. Yancy C. Blaclock, P. G. M., near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Bro. Edward Lavergne, near the Grand Lodge of Peru.

M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, P. G. M., near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

W. Bro. The Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Lord Justice of the Irish Court of Appeal, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in place of R. W. Bro. Humphrey Minchin, deceased

BY-LAWS.

I have during the year settled and approved of By-laws and Amendments to By-laws of a great number of lodges, a list of which will be presented to you by the Grand Secretary.

NEW LODGES

During the year I granted a dispensation for the formation of a lodge at Sturgeon Falls, but before doing so I gave the matter careful consideration, and satisfied myself that not only was there a necessity for a lodge in the locality, but that the prospects for the future were very bright. Sturgeon Falls has a population of two thousand. No lodge exists within twenty-five miles of the place, and when I considered the number of pulp and lumber mills in operation in the place, I had no hesitation in granting the request of the brethren. The books and papers of the Lodge will be placed before the Board for the purpose of obtaining a Warrant.

DEDICATIONS

Only two applications to dedicate Lodge rooms were received by me during the year. On the 27th day of October, 1899, I conducted the dedication ceremonies in connection with Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, where I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., V. W. Bro. N. Shaffley, and a number of the local and Barrie Brethren.

On the 25th of April, 1900, the Lodge rooms of the Toronto Masons, in the Temple Building of that city, were dedicated by me, assisted by the Officers of Grand

Lodge, and in the presence of a very large gathering of the brethren of the City and District. The meeting was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16. Amongst the Grand Lodge Officers present were R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, D. G. M.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, G. T.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, G. S.; V. W. Bro. John Nicolle, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, G. S.; R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Reynar, acting Grand Chaplain, and M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. I had the extreme pleasure of introducing to the meeting M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who enlightened the Brethren with an account of the progress of the Craft in the Prairie Province.

DISPENSATIONS.

I was obliged to refuse nearly all applications for dispensations during the year. The experience of last year did not deter the brethren in requesting the exercise of the dispensing power for various objects. One of them was rather unique in character, viz., to wear regalia at a dance, to take place upon the conclusion of games and horse-racing, held under the auspices of one of our Lodges. It is needless to give you an extract from the letter which I wrote in reply; sufficient to say, in future the Lodge will adopt a method for raising money for Lodge purposes more in keeping with the dignity of the Craft. An erroneous idea appears to have possessed the Brethren with regard to the initiation of a candidate by a Lodge other than that having jurisdiction over the candidate. In some cases it was considered that a dispensation should have been granted without consulting the Lodges interested, while in other cases it was considered that the consent of the Lodge interested was all sufficient, or if such consent could not be obtained, a return of the initiation fee was the redress offered. The consent of the Grand Master, in whom alone authority on the subject rested, was considered unnecessary. The W.M. was held responsible in each case, and violations of the Constitution ceased. In one case the reason given why a dispensation should

issue was the fear of the candidate that he would be rejected in the Lodge at his place of residence on account of political bias. Suffice it to say the applicant is still outside the pale of Masonry. All applications for the purpose of conferring degrees out of time, with one exception, were refused. Experience has taught me that the Craft has no crying need for a man whose desire to become a member suddenly arises when about to change his place of residence from one country to another. I agree with the following remarks of a M. W. Bro. on this subject: "We have carefully observed the cases of many who were hurried through regardless of time, and so far as our knowledge extends, the good of Masonry has not been advanced by the example of those who received the degrees under such circumstances, nor have those who were so made had their knowledge of the great principles of Freemasonry increased by the plan adopted in bringing them to light. The old paths are best, and we wish that the power to grant such dispensations had never been thought of in connection with the powers and rights of the Grand Master." I have adhered to the principle that the Constitution governs the Grand Master, as well as the youngest member of the Lodge.

CORNER STONES.

During the year I called four special meetings of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stones of Religious and Educational Institutions. This is peculiarly Craft work. The question naturally arises, Why is the Craft entitled to prominence in such work? M.W. Bro. Chas. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, satisfactorily answers the question for me. He replies: "Because our Craft is founded upon the soundest moral principles, and the lessons and truths taught by it are of the purest and most ennobling character, chief among which are the belief in the Supreme Being, the great Artificer of the Universe, in the immortality of the soul, and the existence of a future state of happiness. These tenets entitle it as a body qualified by moral worth. As an order, we are the custodians of the arts, legends and traditions of the ancient builders, whose legitimate suc-

cessors we claim to be. This qualifies us as to capability in the peculiar province of builders. Our ritualistic forms and ceremonies are more beautiful and impressive upon such occasions than the forms of other organizations, being the crystalization of the wisdom of centuries, while the beauties of theirs are largely borrowed from us. The venerable history of the Order, its unsectarian nature and its representative composition strengthen and confirm the title of the Masonic fraternity to officiate as the sponsors of public beneficent institutions."

I consider it an honor to be invited to take part in these ceremonies. I appeared before the public with Reverend Brethren who occupy leading positions in Churches of all Christian denominations. I trust on such occasions I have been enabled to show the strong connection which exists between the Church and the Craft, between Education and Freemasonry, and to brush away many doubts from the minds of those who misconceived the aims and purposes of the Order.

On Friday, the 18th day of August, upon the invitation of St. Johns Anglican Church, Tilsonburg, forwarded through King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, over which the Rev. E. W. Hughes, Rector of the Church, presides as W. M., I laid the corner stone of their new church, at the corner of Bidwell and Ridout streets, in the presence of the Brethren and a large number of the citizens of the town and of the adjoining towns and villages. Mr. A. E. Raynes, Town Clerk and Churchwarden, welcomed me and my Brethren in eloquent terms. I was assisted in the ceremony by the Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason; R. W. Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Davis, P. G. C.; R. W. Bro. A. W. Crysler, D. D. G. M., of Wilson District; R. W. Bro. G. F. Morris, D. D. G. M., of London District; R. W. Bro. T. M. Davis, G. R., and V. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, G. J. D.

At Merriton, on the 9th day of September, 1899, I laid the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Robertson is the pastor, in the presence of a large concourse of people and members of the Craft from Thorold, St. Catharines, and the surrounding country. I was ably assisted by the

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bros. T. M. Davis, G. R.; J. B. McIntyre, Donald Robertson, and Rev. W. A. Cook, of Thorold. At the conclusion of the ceremony the ladies of the church tendered us a banquet in the Town Hall.

Upon the invitation of the Board of School Trustees of the town of Welland, I laid the corner stone of the new Central School building, on the 5th day of June, 1900. The occasion was the first Masonic function of its kind in the County Town, and attracted a large number of Brethren and visitors. Among the members of the Craft present were R. W. Bros. J. H. Crow, D. D. G. M.; I. P. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M.; T. M. Davis, G. R.; R. L. Gunn, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. N. Shafley, G. S.; Rev. Dr. A. H. Reynar, of Victoria College, Acting Grand Chaplain, and Rev. W. A. Cook; W. Bros. B. J. Leubsdorf, George Burch, and a number of brethren from St. Catharines, Merritton and Thorold. An interesting part of the ceremony was the musical program rendered by the children of the school.

On the 2nd of July, 1900, the corner stone of St. Thomas' Anglican Church, near Owen Sound, of which the Rev. Bro. Franklin is Rector, was laid with Masonic honors by my representative, R. W. Bro. James McLauchlan, P. G. S. W., assisted by R. W. Bro. Judge Creasor, R. W. Bro. R. H. McKnight, V. W. Bro. W. A. Bishop, and W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Waits as Grand Chaplain, and numerous Brethren from Owen Sound. My thanks are due the Rector for his hospitable treatment of the Brethren.

OFFICIAL AND FRATERNAL VISITS.

During the year I have visited every section of the Province, with the exception of the extreme north. Time will not permit of more than a brief reference to some of the visits made, and of a few matters which presented themselves for contemplation during such visits. I will ever retain in kind remembrance the courtesy and kindness extended to me on all occasions by my Brethren. I have endeavored to get at their hearts, to learn their wants, to listen to their complaints, to give instruction, to smooth over difficulties, to teach them their duty to their fellowmen and to clear the Temple of those who would make Masonry a by-word and a

reproach. I have continued my crusade in bringing back to the fold the demitted member, and the unfortunate Brother whose only crime was poverty and inability to pay dues, and whose Brethren forgot the behests and warnings contained in the charity lecture, and who, if they ever heard of the five points of fellowship, had managed to forget that it had any application to the necessities of the Brother whom they suspended for not devoting to the Lodge coffers the few dollars required for the maintenance of his family. I have met with success in Lodges visited by me. I have no fear of the ultimate success if the D. D. G. M.'s and W. M.'s will continue the good work under the advice of my successor, who is with me on this subject. I do not desire to deal with matters contained in my address of last year, although similar cases have come before me during the past year. I have great faith in the influence of Masonry, not only on mankind in general, but on Nations. The day has long passed when the visit of a Grand Master was the occasion of a carousal. In this jurisdiction the members expect to benefit, and have, I trust, benefited morally and intellectually from the visits of Grand Lodge officers. In this practical age our aim must be to demonstrate the practical utility of the Institution to mankind. I am thoroughly in accord with the Brother who, while glorifying the Order and commending its teachings, yet lamented that upon some the lessons taught round our altar failed to make the impress designed upon his heart. He exclaimed: "We should advertise for men; Men wanted. Give us men made in the image of their Creator, and Masonry will have no trouble in convincing the world of its good effects. Elevate the standard high; none but the worthy should find an entrance through our portals."

I can, however, convey my ideas concerning the Craft and our duties as Craftsmen by culling, with your permission, from the thoughts of others:

"Masonry is intensely religious, and its foundation principles are belief in God."

"Masonry is love; love toward man, love for the beautiful, brotherly love, love for the good, the honest, the true."

"Masonry is not dollars and cents, neither has it selfish ends to attain, but is a field of action for him who

seeks to benefit his fellowman and cultivate his own highest nature."

"Masonry is only a means to the end of our highest development. Its true primary aim is to build up character, to cultivate manhood, and it is only by a firm adherence to this aim that we can hope to attain the great ultimate purposes of our organization. The parliament of man, the federation of the world, can never be realized except by a reliance upon the individual citizen, for the purity of the home is the purity of the individual lives that cluster around the fireside. We would fraternise the world, but the growth must be from within, the development of the inner individual life. The secret of such development of individual character is not to be found in riches, in power, in pomp, fame or preferment. It is not to be found in mere profession of faith, in dogma or in creed, nor in the adoption of a beautiful system of morals and precepts such as ours. It is to be found rather in the true conception and faithful performance of duty."

"We mumble our rituals until letter perfect; we deliver ourselves of fine sentiments of brotherly love and charity, pay our dues and attend lodge occasionally, then rest content, coddling ourselves the while with the notion that we are good Masons. But we are not; more than that is required to make a good Mason. What are you doing in the active practice of charity out of the Lodge? The true Masonic idea is not to make you better than other people, but to make you better than yourself by leading you to the doing of good deeds for others. Have you helped some unfortunate on his way—some one less favored than you by the ever-shifting tides on life's uncertain sea? Have you helped some fallen sister neighbor to rise and see the light once more, or have you joined the pack at the first yelp to cry her down? Yes, these are idle questions, I know; they are easily spoken, easily heard, and still more easily forgotten, but they suggest the only true conception or interpretation of Masonic duty."

Such thoughts as these will furnish a theme for Grand Lodge officers when paying official visits. Make your visit pleasant and instructive, so that the brethren will look forward with pleasure to your return.

With regret I have to report that I noticed in some Lodges the introduction of ward politics in the election of officers: tickets were gotten up, an opposition camp formed, and open, unblushing canvassing indulged in. I condemned the practice in strong terms, but on two occasions I was met with the answer that so long as Grand Lodge set the example, the subordinate lodges should not be condemned; and in order to corroborate the charge, a brother of the Frontenac District stated that he was working under the directions and in the interest of a candidate for Grand Lodge honors, while several Brethren in Niagara District produced letters from and on behalf of such candidates. Should not such answers have silenced any Grand Master? The Fountain cannot rise higher than its source. The Grand Lodge is, and should be, a pattern for the subordinate bodies. If the work of the Grand Master and his officers is to bear fruit, their hands should not be tied by the conduct of any member of Grand Lodge. Rules are laid down year after year by Grand Lodge for the guidance of subordinate lodges in these matters. The same rules should, in my opinion, be equally as applicable to Grand Lodge affairs. Persistence in this line of conduct will drag Masonry to as low a level as pot-house politics, and no man of respectability will allow his name to be mentioned in connection with office. I believe firmly that such conduct in Grand Lodge is exceptionable, and the remedy is in your hands. I ask you to read carefully the remarks of M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson on this subject. I request you to adopt the remedy suggested by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, in 1897, namely, to cast your vote against, instead of for, the candidate who thus approaches you. I ask you to listen to the voice of Illinois on this subject: "To receive recognition and promotion in Masonry is an honorable ambition, but to obtain it there is but one Masonic method of electioneering, and that is to discharge whatever duty may be assigned to one with fidelity and to the very best of one's ability. In this way he will surely command the respect and good-will of his Brethren, whether they are able to find an official place for him or not."

Another matter which has become very common, and to which I drew the attention of the Brethren, is the un-

warranted display in Lodges of decorations and jewels not recognized in Craft Masonry. Every case that came under my notice was placed in the hands of the Director of Ceremonies, who insisted on a proper observance of the Constitution. The Grand Lodge of England has laid down a very strict rule on this subject, and we cannot do better than follow in its footsteps. Decorations and titles not earned in Craft duties are no evidence of ability, wisdom or zeal in work confined to our Lodges.

I desire also to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to a subject with which I have been obliged to grapple, namely, the distribution of "begging circulars" and "chain letters," issued for various purposes, viz.: to build a Masonic Hall, to aid a Brother who had lost his property by fire, to assist in paying off a mortgage on a Brother's property, to assist a Brother financially embarrassed, to rebuild a mill and purchase machinery, to support aged and infirm Masons, and to erect a Masonic Hall. Every Lodge in the jurisdiction has been flooded with these circulars. The Brethren have been imposed upon and the privileges of Masonry abused. No greater fraud was ever invented by the mind of mortal than the "chain letter." Accompanying it is a reminder to the recipient that any neglect on his part to forward same to his friends (to be victimized) is a breach of Masonic obligation. Some of these chain letters found their way into the States of Michigan and Oklahoma, and when the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan "broke" the chain in his State, and returned the letters, not desiring to allow his Brethren to be swindled, he received an insulting letter from one of our members. All praise to R. W. Bro. Conover for grappling with the scourge and reporting the case to us. This disgraceful abuse of Masonry has now ceased in the jurisdiction, and if Bro. Conover had not shown a kind, fraternal spirit when upon my instructions the erring brother forwarded an apology to him, one member of the Craft in Ontario at all events would not have had the privilege he now enjoys of being an affiliated Mason. Whether the money in the other cases was returned I have not learned, but I desire Grand Lodge to express itself on this question in unmistakable terms. The report of the Committee on Be-

nevolence for the year 1898 only deals with one phase of the subject.

The Lodges I visited are as follows: Ionic 25, Harmony 438, Zetland 326, Georgina 343, Oxford 70, St. George 367, Wilson 86, Ancient St. John 3, Cataraqui 92, Minden 253, Simcoe 79, Rehoboam 65, Alpha 384, Stanley 426, St. George 15, Maple Leaf 103, Temple 296, King Hiram 37, St. John 68, Barton 6, King Solomon's 22, Merritt 168, Ashlar 247, and King Hiram 78.

On the 31st day of May I attended the District Lodge of Instruction held at Kingston by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, D. D. G. M. With one or two exceptions every Lodge in the district was represented. The work was correctly and impressively exemplified and much valuable information imparted to the Brethren. I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, P. G. M., on this occasion, and was delighted with his remarks on the various Masonic questions submitted. Bro. Shaw is a painstaking, enthusiastic worker, and is entitled to the great praise bestowed upon him by the Brethren.

On the ninth day of November, 1899, the Grand Secretary and I spent a very enjoyable and pleasant evening with the Masters and Past Masters of the London District. The presence of the fair sex at the banquet table increased the pleasure of the gathering.

On the 27th of January, 1900, accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, P. G. M., and R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason and R. B. Hungerford and a number of Grand Lodge Officers past and present, I paid the return visit due to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, at its annual session, in the City of Detroit. We were introduced by M. W. Bro. Hugh McCurdy, P. G. M., and M. W. Bro. John W. Finch, our worthy Representative, and were received in most eloquent terms by M. W. Bro. Frank Lodge, the Grand Master, who assured us that Canadian Masons would always find the warm hand of Michigan Masons extended to them. All sentiments on international friendship were enthusiastically applauded. On your behalf I presented the Grand Lodge with a handsome silver loving cup.

On the 2nd of March, 1900, I visited Rehoboam Lodge, and had the pleasure of assisting in the reception and entertainment of the Brethren of Erie Lodge, Buf-

falo, U. S. A. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto (my Mother Lodge), celebrated its 25th anniversary on the 23rd of March, 1900. The old Past Masters of the Lodge took charge of the work of conferring degrees. Over 500 Brethren partook of the hospitality of the Lodge. A most commendable way adopted by the Lodge to mark its anniversary was the presentation of \$2,000 in gold to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Chairman of the Sick Children's Hospital Trust, to endow a cot in the Institution to be known as the Zetland Cot. In accepting the gift, M. W. Bro. Robertson made an eloquent reply, in the course of which he said: "I know Zetland Lodge is as permanent as the British Empire, and this night's gift to the Hospital for Sick Children is as immortal as Mercy and will go on doing good to the little ones when we have grown old or gone home." The Sick Children's Hospital deserves generous support from the Craft in Ontario. Bro. Robertson has so identified himself with it that it is looked upon as a Masonic Charity, although the fact remains that the only support it receives from us is the \$2,000 granted some years ago to a Grand Lodge Cot and the gifts received at Christmas time from the subordinate lodges. Are you aware that a Mason's child is preferred in this Institution; that care, medicine and treatment are given to the child without fee, if the parents cannot afford to pay? Hundreds of the children of our brethren are cured of their ailments and affliction, and are thereby given an opportunity of fighting life's battles. I hold it to be the duty of every Grand Master of the Grand Lodge to visit the hospital during his term of office, so that he may be enabled to acquaint his brethren with its value to the Craft.

The Hamilton Brethren never do things by halves. This was evidenced by the magnificent reception given to me by the brethren on the 20th of April last. I was received in the Masonic Hall by some five hundred members and their friends. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, as Chairman, presented me with an engrossed address signed by the Masters of all the Lodges. The events of the evening will always be a pleasant rec-

ollection to me. I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, P. G. M., of Manitoba.

I had the pleasure again of visiting Hamilton on the 2nd of May last as a guest of Barton Lodge, No. 6. It proved to be a patriotic night in every sense of the word. I had the pleasure of witnessing an exemplification of the Third Degree, in which M. W. Bro. William Gibson, P. G. M., took part. An interesting feature of the gathering, which produced an outburst of patriotic feeling, was the presentation of a British flag to the Lodge by the Past Masters. The flag escort consisted of three brethren, sergeants of the 13th Regiment, in full uniform and with fixed bayonets. R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P. D. D. G. M., made the presentation in an eloquent speech, which was ably and eloquently responded to by the W. M., Bro. J. P. Steedman. The enthusiasm of the members was again aroused when one of the choir sang Bro. Freed's new song, *The Daddy of Them All*. I regret that space will not permit of the production of the same.

On the 7th of June last a reception was tendered me by the three Lodges in St. Catharines. R. W. Bros. Dewey, from New York, and a number of Brethren J. H. Crow, I. P. Willson, John W. McCoy, R. W. Bro. from Buffalo, Rochester, Lockport, Suspension Bridge, Michigan, Welland, and Brantford were in attendance. A noticeable feature of the evening was the unanimity of the remarks of the speakers relative to the closer union of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations of the earth.

Nearly two hundred Masons of Woodstock, under the leadership of W. Bro. Rev. J. C. Farthing, honored me with a banquet at Woodstock on the 10th of October last. There were present R. W. Bros. A. W. Cryslar, D. D. G. M.; J. C. Hegler, P. D. D. G. M.; M. Walsh, P. G. S. W. I am under deep obligations to the Brethren for the kindness and attention shown me.

After an absence of twenty-six years I visited the home of my boyhood, Ingersoll, on the 16th of June last, upon the invitation of King Hiram and St. John's Lodges of that town. It is needless to recount the loyalty and love shown to me on that occasion. R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford, D. G. M.; J. C. Hegler, P. D. D. G. M.; M. Walsh, P. G. S. W.; V. W. Bros. John Warnock, Jas.

Boles, Wm. Partlo, John Kerr, and W. A. Woolson, and W. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, and Rev. Bro. F. C. O'Meara, late of Winnipeg, were in attendance. An old friend of my boyhood, W. Bro. H. Rowland, presided at the banquet table. The memory of the visit and the reunion of old friends will ever remain with me.

I must not fail to record my gratitude to Ionic Lodge, 25, Toronto, and its talented and energetic Master, W. Bro. Fred. Harcourt, for the opportunity afforded me in joining with them to do honor to Wor. Bro. the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, one of the Lord Justices of the Court of Appeal in Ireland, and now our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland. An interesting fact in connection with the reception is that the distinguished visitor is a nephew of the distinguished Mason and soldier, the hero of Beaver Dams, Col. Jas. Fitzgibbon, whose name every school child in Canada is acquainted with, owing to the fact of Laura Secord's memorable tramp to apprise the Colonel of the proximity of the enemy during the war of 1812. Col. Fitzgibbon was Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada in 1823. He signed the Dispensation and installed the first officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, the Mother Lodge of the City of Toronto. His son was the first Secretary of the Lodge which did honor to his cousin. The occasion brought out many of the old members of the Lodge. He endeared himself to the hearts of all. He was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge. It gave me great pleasure to appoint His Lordship as the Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

I attended a gathering of seven hundred Masons of Toronto on the 24th of June last, and accompanied them to St. James' Cathedral, where an eloquent and scholarly sermon was preached on the history, principles and duty of the Order, by Bro. the Rev. Professor Wm. Clark, M. A., D. C. L., of Trinity College, Toronto. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto and several reverend Brethren assisted in the service, while the organ was presided over by Bro. Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., F. R. C. O. The collection was donated to the Sick Children's Hospital. A noticeable feature of the gathering was that no Ma-

sonic regalia was worn, the members wearing instead a small blue ribbon in the lapel of their coats.

I regret exceedingly my inability to attend some Reunions and At Homes to which I was invited, and particularly the visit of the Ottawa Brethren to Ogdensburg, New York, and of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, to Rochester, New York, where they were entertained by Frank R. Lawrence Lodge and its Master, W. Bro. De Herriman; V. W. Bro. J. Hungerford Smith, P. G. S. D., and by that Prince of Masons whom Canadian Masons hold in loving remembrance, M. Wor. Bro. Wm. Sutherland, P. G. M.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

All the world was shocked when the news was flashed that a dastardly attempt had been made on the life of His Royal Highness the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. I immediately caused a message of congratulation to be forwarded to him on his providential escape, to which a reply was received on the 4th of May last conveying to the members of Grand Lodge His Royal Highness' warmest thanks for their kind and fraternal regards. I also caused the congratulations of this Grand Lodge to be forwarded to him on being proclaimed, on the 25th of April last, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for the twenty-sixth time.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association was held in this city on the 26th of September last. I regretted my inability to attend, but I was ably represented by my Deputy Grand Master, whom I now congratulate on his election as President of so important an international institution. So well is the work of the Association performed that it is next to impossible for an unworthy Mason or an impostor to obtain relief in any of the twenty-one jurisdictions composing its membership. I recommend that the Grand Lodge continue in affiliation with the Association.

In connection with the work of relief, I desire to say that in any city or town where two or more Lodges

exist it is desirable that a local Board of Relief should be performed, towards which every Lodge should contribute. This is a duty no Lodge should evade. The burden of relief should be borne by all, and not be thrown on the contributing Lodges, as in cases which have come under my observation. I trust that there may be no further cause of complaint in this respect.

DECISIONS.

I have given a great number of decisions during the year, the majority of which are governed by the Constitution and the rulings of my predecessors. One or two rulings so given by me are, in my opinion, sufficiently important to report to Grand Lodge.

1. I forbade the initiation of a man who, although possessing considerable worldly wealth, was unable to write or sign his name. I considered that a man so ignorant would be out of place in a Masonic Lodge. The admission of such a man would be a reflection on our Institution.

2. I decided that in the examination of strangers who desire to visit a lodge, that the Tyler's oath should be administered after and not before the examination.

3. I was asked for an opinion on the meaning of the words "improper solicitation," when applied to candidates for admission to the Order. An effort was made to show that "delicate hints" to desirable men should not be classed under the heading of "improper solicitation." Great stress was laid on the word "improper." I decided that solicitation of any kind was improper. I desire Grand Lodge to consider this ruling, so that any misunderstanding that may now exist may be set at rest. Grand Master Griffin, of Wisconsin, severely condemns any resort to solicitation. The Missouri Freemason says there is no necessity for soliciting, nor does it believe that there is any better way to select members than the one which has been in use from time immemorial. It points out the hesitancy to reject a man who has been solicited, although the petitioner is most objectionable to the members of the Lodge. It is bad policy to allow members to urge friends to become Masons. The journal concludes by stating "that to break down the barrier which now prevents solicitation would

be to turn loose an army of members, who have no adequate idea of the real meaning of Masonry, in a wild scramble to gather together large bodies, in the supposition that a Lodge with a great number of members must necessarily be a strong body. I believe I am safe in asserting that all English speaking Grand Lodges in the world condemn the practice of soliciting. There can be no half measures. Solicitation of any kind is improper.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL.

I regret exceedingly my inability to represent you at the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and to take part in the Anniversary Services at the tomb of the illustrious Washington. The Deputy Grand Master was kind enough to take my place on that occasion. His reception was all that could be desired. The Representatives from all the Jurisdictions showed him every attention and kindness. It would have been an honor to me to have been present and add my quota of praise to the memory of the man whose love of country and patriotism endeared him to the hearts of his countrymen. To the soldier, who, even in his time, commanded the respect and admiration of those who then were termed enemies, but to whom at the close of this nineteenth century can be applied a more affectionate and endearing term. To the Mason and the courtly gentleman who was loved by all and whose memory we all revere, whose life was so pure that even with us of a different nationality his virtues and conduct are continually kept before us as worthy of emulation. I agree with him who, in speaking of Washington and the United States, said: "As this country has grown, and as the importance of his work is more and more appreciated, and, too, as he recedes in distance, Washington's true proportions are appreciated and he looms even more grandly. In order to exalt the wisdom of Washington and to insist upon the importance of his farewell advice to his people, it is not necessary to impute to him supernatural enlightenment, and yet so clear and right was his thinking on duties of government, and so valuable have proved his principles in operation, that he would be a rash counsellor who would call for the utter disregard of any one of these principles."

LOSSES BY FIRE.

We sympathize with our London Brethren in their great loss in the destruction of the Masonic Temple by fire on the 23rd of February last. Nothing was saved from the devouring element. Even the charters of the Lodges were destroyed. Great praise is due to the Craft of this city for the energy and pluck displayed in securing without delay suitable meeting places, and obtaining the necessary furniture and paraphernalia for the work of the Lodges. I directed the Grand Secretary to furnish duplicate charters to take the place of those destroyed. The splendid preparations made for Grand Lodge to-day is more striking when we consider that four months ago blackened walls, charred timbers and a mass of tangled wires was all that remained of the Masonic Temple.

We also sympathize with not only those of our own household, but with our fellow-citizens of the City of Ottawa in this Province, and of the City of Hull, in Quebec Province, in the calamity which befell them in April last. Two fire-swept cities rendered homeless, stripped of personal belongings and left without the common necessities of life, seven human beings were burnt to death, 16,000 rendered homeless, and 3,000 buildings burned, 8,000 hands out of employment, and \$18,000,000 worth of property destroyed. One newspaper stated that while other fires destroyed the houses and savings of a people, this, in addition to rendering thousands as poor and almost as naked as when they came into the world, destroyed the industries which furnished them with the means of gaining a livelihood, and left them largely dependent upon the benefactions of the public. The pressing necessity called for immediate assistance. I considered that this Grand Lodge should respond quickly, and so forwarded a cheque for \$2,000 to the Mayor of Ottawa (whose cordial and eloquent welcome to this Grand Lodge last July is still fresh in our memory), accompanied by the following letter:

T. Payment, Esq., Mayor of Ottawa:

My Dear Mr. Mayor,—On behalf of the Masonic Order in the Province of Ontario, I extend to you and your citizens our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which you have suffered by the recent fire. I also sym-

pathize with you in the sudden death of one near and dear to you.

The members of the Grand Lodge of Canada have pleasant recollections of the hospitable treatment received by them last July from you and your citizens. We will never forget the pleasant words with which you welcomed us, and the knowledge displayed by you regarding the objects and aims of our Order.

We also sympathize with our countrymen in the sister City of Hull, in the great loss sustained by them. Thousands of our countrymen in both Ottawa and Hull have been rendered homeless and helpless as a result of the conflagration.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, over which I have the honor to preside, I now enclose you their cheque for \$2,000, which I have endorsed to your order. You will see that it is equally distributed between Ottawa and Hull sufferers. We do not wish any distinction made in the distribution of the money. Place it where it will do the most good.

Again extending to you the sympathies of the Masons of this Province, I remain,

Yours very truly,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Master.

I ask your endorsement of my action. I also desire to draw your attention to the generous action of the Grand Lodge of New York in forwarding me a cheque for \$2,000 to be applied in aid of the sufferers of both Ottawa and Hull. This action of M. W. Bro. Pownall and his Grand Lodge forms yet another link in Masonry, and in common benevolence binding the two countries together. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York ever do things handsomely. I telegraphed Grand Master Pownall as follows:

"Wright D. Pownall, Grand Master of Masons, New York: Your generous sympathy appreciated not only by the Craft, but by the people of Canada."

I desire Grand Lodge to place on record an expression of their gratitude to our sister Grand Lodge and to M. W. Bros. Wright D. Pownall, G. M.; Wm. A.

Sutherland, P.G. M., and to our worthy Representative, W. Bro. Geo. W. Millener, for the efforts put forth by them on behalf of our suffering countrymen.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

The closing years of the nineteenth century teem with events of great importance to the nations of the earth. At the present time the Allied Powers are engaged in protecting the lives and property of their respective citizens in China, where barbarous deeds have been committed which have roused the whole civilized world. The Motherland is foremost in this work, and can be depended upon to exercise that influence which will establish law and order, and obtain for her subjects the safety of life and freedom to carry on the work of the Master, unmolested and unhampered by the ignorant, murderous fanatics of the East.

To us in Canada the events of the year are of striking importance. Never before has the Empire realized its strength and unity. The war in South Africa is the culmination of the struggle of the Boers against right, justice and truth. The foreigners who were invited by President Kruger to invest their capital in the Transvaal were deprived of all the liberties of citizenship; no school privileges were accorded to their children; they were commanded to fight against the natives; even court justice was a hollow mockery; the Protectorate of Great Britain was even denied; petition after petition was made, but without redress, and the burden of taxation was increased. All that was demanded was equal rights and a pacific settlement of all questions. The only reply made by President Kruger was the issue of his stupid ultimatum; and his subsequent declaration of war and occupation of British possessions. The time had come for the whelps of the lion to rally to her side. An object lesson was given to all men and all nations, that no matter where the attack may come from, the Empire is solidified. "Blow for blow will be struck back by the British, and that blow will come as freely from Canada and Australia as from the heart of the Empire." Canadians are loyal to their flag, and their patriotism shows at its brightest when their country requires their assistance. When the summons came for volunteers,

three thousand lads stepped forward for service. The answer sent to the Motherland was very much in the same language as was addressed by Jehosophat to the King of Israel: "I am as thou art, and my people as thy people, and we will be with thee in the war." The spirit of the Canadian people is voiced by the telegram sent by John A. Barry, of Montreal, begging to be allowed to fill the gap in the regiment caused by the death of his brother in one of the battles. Our boys have done their duty nobly and faithfully. They have placed Canada in the rank of nations. Where the battle was fiercest, where great danger lay, where difficulties had to be overcome, where only brave and trusty men were required, there Canadians were to be found, staunch, true and reliable. They have proved themselves the equals of the best soldiers of the Empire, and have deservedly earned the high encomiums passed on their prowess by that great General and Freemason, Britain's "Little Bobs." Now that the end of the war is in sight, and the old Union Jack flies from the Capitals of both the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, it will be found that there will be no vindictive feeling towards those in arms against us, but that country shall never again become a nursery of conspiracy against British rule. The rights of the Dutch will not be taken away: equal rights will be meted out to all, irrespective of creed, color or nationality, and in the end a great Confederation under a British Protectorate will arise, in which the rights, the privileges, the traditions of all sections of the population will be respected, in which there will be justice, freedom and absolute equality before the law.

When the first contingent left our shore, a National Patriotic Fund was organized for the benefit of the widows, orphans and dependents of those of our Contingent who might, unfortunately, lose their lives in the struggle for the benefit of such of our men who might become disabled by wounds or sickness, and for the benefit of the wives, children and dependents separated by the campaign from husbands, fathers and guardians. The Grand Lodge of Canada was the first to respond, and on your behalf I forwarded a cheque for \$1,000, with a promise to supplement the same if required. I desire your approval of such action, and have no doubt

what your decision will be. As I have stated, volunteers were called for, and only those accepted who had not families dependent upon them for support. It is needless to say that hundreds of members of our Craft offered their services, but only those who came under the class I have mentioned were accepted. I am of the opinion that a Committee should be appointed by this Grand Lodge to collect the names of those of our Brethren from Ontario who accompanied any of the contingents, and the same should be inscribed in our proceedings as a tribute to their loyalty and bravery. I have endeavored to obtain such names to present to you to-day, but have only been partially successful. I desire that a resolution be passed recognizing the protecting hand of the Almighty in the preservation of those of our soldiers who are alive, and sympathizing with the relatives of those who fell in the conflict.

The following the the names of the Brethren I succeeded in obtaining:

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Sergeant Fred Gorman, Sarnia, B Co., R. C. R. I.
 Lieutenant R. Bowden.
 Sergeant George R. Sippi, London, first contingent.
 Sergeant F. H. Price.
 Private Walter Wright, London.
 Private Alfred Charman.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Private D. H. Tolfrey, second contingent.
 Private D. H. T. Christie, C Co., R. C. R. I.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Private George Campbell, first contingent, Innerkip.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Sergeant Maitland Ernest Stewart, Mounted Rifles, Orangeville.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO 8.

Lieutenant E. W. Morrison and Privates Thomas Lloyd Edmunson and Malcolm L. Isbister, all of Hamilton.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

William C. Laidlaw, M. D., Orillia.

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Sergt. John McCulla, Brampton, second contingent.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11a.

Vet. Sergt. Alexander Gillies, Strathcona Horse.

Sergt.-Major David Borland, R. C. Regiment.

Lieut. John F. Ramsay, 1st Brabant Horse.

Private George R. Sweeney, Canadian Mounted Infantry.

Lieut.-Col. Wm. D. Otter, Commanding 2nd Battalion, R. C. R. I.

Major Charles James McDougall, R. C. R. I., 2nd Battalion.

Captain Rykert Kent Barker, C Co., 2nd Battalion, R. C. R. I.

Lieut.-Col. George S. Ryerson, Army Medical Service.

Lieut. Lewis Erskine W. Irving, R. C. Artillery.

Capt. Alex. Boyd, R. C. R. I.

Private Christopher H. Irving, R. C. Artillery.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Lieut.-Col. Sam. Hughes.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Private R. Robinson, Mounted Rifles.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Surgeon-Major H. Hamsay Duff, Mounted Infantry.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Private T. E. Macdonald.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Private Henry C. Small, Carleton Place.

Gunner Wm. M. Lambkiss.

Gunner Levi E. Beavers, Ottawa.

Major W. G. Hurdman.

Capt. Agaw S. A. M. Adamson.

Capt. Chas. F. Winters.

Trooper George Sparks.

Capt. S. Maynard Rogers.

Private A. P. McCuaig.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Private Walter Edwards.

Such are the names of some of our heroes who demonstrated that Canada is ready at all times "to abide by her Mother's side," and that when England calls, the

flag of the Maple Leaf will be ever in the van. Our message is :

“ Show the way, England!
 Let that grim Master
 Of earth's dread disaster—
 Let the war shadow
 But darken your sun.
 Trust your child, Canada ;
 She will be with you,
 Shoulder to shoulder,
 Gun to your gun.
 She will reply with you,
 Fight for you,
 Die with you.
 So, wide to the world
 Be the old flag unfurled.
 Show the way, England! ”

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A communication was received from M. W. Bro. R. Eden Walker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, complaining of invasion of Jurisdiction by St. George's Lodge, No. 367, in initiating a Mr. Phillips, a resident of Rossland, B.C., while on a visit to Toronto. I investigated the matter and decided against St. George's Lodge. The papers are now with the Grand Secretary. I have every hope of making a settlement satisfactory to our British Columbia Brethren.

“ HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.”

I note with pleasure the great interest evinced by the Craft in M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson's grand work bearing the above caption. We all regret his absence from this meeting of Grand Lodge, being the first time in twenty years he has not taken part in our deliberations. As a mark of appreciation of his valuable services to Craft Literature, I recommend that Grand Lodge appoint him its Historian.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot conclude without referring to the pleasant relations which have at all times existed between me and every member of the Craft in this Jurisdiction. To the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and the various District Deputies who served under me for the

last two years, I am indebted for assistance rendered, and prompt and careful attention to all matters of business.

From the date of my entrance as a delegate to Grand Lodge, 19 years ago, up to the present time, I have been honored and favored by my Brethren. You have conferred upon me a rank of great importance. You entrusted me with great power. I trust that I have fully appreciated the responsibilities of the position. I cannot expect to have pleased all in the administration of the affairs of office, but I can conscientiously say that my aim has been to discharge my duties without fear or favor, having only in view the best interest of the Craft. If I have been the means of awakening any Brother to a sense of his duty, if I have been successful in advancing or improving any Brother's welfare, I am content. To-morrow afternoon I will step back into the ranks again, but will hand over to my successor a prosperous jurisdiction, one that stands high in the respect and esteem of all the Grand Lodges of the civilized world, one whose members are actively engaged in teaching and practicing the doctrine of "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." I can assure him of the loyal support of every Mason on the roll. I trust I leave behind me none but friends and well-wishers. I trust to be able to serve you for the remainder of my life in some capacity, no matter how lowly the position may be. I desire to continue active in the good work of the Craft. My best wishes will be always for your welfare. There is work for us all—none so low or insignificant that cannot find work at his hands, which, when conscientiously done, will add lustre and credit to the institution. Accept the work that is at hand, and do not lose time and opportunity by waiting until work of greater magnitude presents itself. Your place in the institution is just where Providence has placed you:

“ Just where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place!
Just where you think you are useless,
Hide not your face.
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate’r it be !

Think he has chosen you for it,
 Work loyally ;
 Gird on your armor ! Be faithful !
 At toil or rest,
 Whichever it be ; never doubting
 God's way is best.
 Out in the fight or on picket,
 Stand firm and true ;
 This is the work that your Master
 Gives you to do."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Annual Communication at London, 18th July, 1900.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditure made, with returns of subordinate lodges as at 24th June, 1900, and ledger balances, at the 31st May, 1900, together with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from the 1st June, 1899, to the 31st May, 1900, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$3,240 00
Dues.....	12,380 75
Fees.....	1,997 25
Dispensations	218 00
Warrants.....	20 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	502 00
Commutations of dues	390 00
Past Master's Certi- ficates.....	6 00
Asylum Fund Inter- est	435 00
General Fund Inter- est	3,200 77
Miscellaneous	24 00

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Sec- retary	\$2,000 00
Salary of Grand Sec- retary's Assistant.	800 00
Salary of Grand Trea- surer to 30th June, 1900	350 00
Salary of Stenogra- pher	300 00
Rent of Grand Sec- retary's Office	175 00
M. W. Bro. E. T. Ma- lone, balance of travelling expenses '99	250 00
Masonic Relief Asso- ciation, U. S. and Canada	119 00
Grand Sec'y. balance of incidentals to 31st May, '99.....	118 92
Grand Secretary, ad- vance for inciden- tals	500 00
R. Duncan & Co., books, etc	55 85
The Spectator Print- ing Co., on account of printing.	1,434 08
The Howell Litho- graph Co., check books	32 00
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery	76 06
Expenses of Board of General Purposes.	1,083 20
Expenses, meeting of Grand Lodge at Ottawa.....	166 00
Expenses, benevo- lence investigation	506 00
Hunter, Rose Co., J. Ross Robertson, History of Masonry	37 50
Committee on For- eign Correspond- ence	100 00
Copp, Clark Co., on account of printing	424 25
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond..	50 00

 Carried forward....\$22,413 77

 Carried Forward...\$ 8,577 86

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<i>Brought Forward..</i> \$22,413 77	<i>Brought Forward..</i> \$ 8,577 86
	J. E. Harding, postage re benevolence 15 00
	Expenses re investigation Lodge 222 vs. Bro. Clark.... 37 85
	Central Press Agency, portraits of P. G. M's 64 90
	Ambrose, Kent Co., repairs to Grand Lodge regalia.... 5 25
	M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on account of travelling expenses 250 00
	R. W. Bro. Hungerford, expenses to Washington 44 50
	Presentat'n to Grand Lodge of Michigan 66 25
	Insurance on Grand Lodge regalia 17 50
	Orders on the Fund of Benevolence ... 13,150 00
Total \$22,413 77	Total \$22,229 11

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W., the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows :

On the 18th August, 1899, at Tilsonburg, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Church (Anglican), M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 15th June, 1900, at Welland, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Central School building, M. W. Malone, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 2nd July, 1900, at Owen Sound, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Thomas Church (Anglican), Brook, R. W. Bro. James McLauchlan, P. G. S. W., officiating.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W., the Grand Master, the halls of the following Lodges have been dedicated for Craft purposes since the last Annual Communication

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, 30th September,

1899, by R. W. Bro. W. S. Beaver, D. D. G. M. ; Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, 27th October, 1899, by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master ; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 ; King Solomon Lodge, No. 22 ; Ionic Lodge, No. 25 ; Rehoboam Lodge No. 65 ; St. John's Lodge, No. 75 ; Wilson Lodge, No. 86 ; Stevenson Lodge, No. 218 ; Doric Lodge, No. 316 ; Zetland Lodge, No. 326, and Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto, 25th April, 1900, by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGE.

By direction of the M. W., the Grand Master, a dispensation was issued to Sturgeon Falls Lodge, Sturgeon Falls, Nipissing District, No. 18, on the 13th January, 1900.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W., the Grand Masters, of the respective Grand Lodges, the M. W. Grand Master has made the following appointments, namely :

W. Bro. the Right Honorable Mr. Justice Fitzgibbons, of Dublin, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in place of W. Bro. Humphrey Minchin, M. B., deceased.

M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, of Montreal, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in place of M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, deceased.

M. W. Bro. Yancey C. Blalock, of Walla Walla, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Washington, in place of M. W. Bro. James E. Edmiston, deceased.

W. Bro. Eduardo Lavergue, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru in place of W. Bro. Gustavo Lama, not now a member of that Grand Lodge.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W., the Grand Master, the following appointments have been made, namely :

M. W. Bro. William Gibson, of Beamsville, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in place of R. W. Bro. Robert McKay, deceased.

R. W. Bro. James Sutherland, of Woodstock, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria in place of R. W. Bro. William Gibson, resigned.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, of London, as Repre-

sentative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1900.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W., the Grand Master, has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges :

1899.	Aug. 24th...	Westport Lodge,	No. 441, Westport.
"	Oct. 12th....	Orient Lodge,	" 339, Toronto.
"	Oct. 20th....	Stanley Lodge,	" 426, W. Toronto Jct.
"	Nov. 17th...	Granite Lodge,	" 446, Fort Frances.
"	Nov. 17th...	Prince Arthur Lodge,	" 334, Arthur.
"	Dec. 6th....	The Occident Lodge,	" 346, Toronto.
"	Dec. 18th...	The Rising Sun Lodge,	" 129, Aurora.
1900.	Jan. 30th...	Markham Union Lodge	" 87, Markham.
"	March 13th...	Nickel Lodge,	" 427, Sudbury.
"	May 28th....	Wilson Lodge,	" 113, Waterford.
"	July 6th....	Galt Lodge,	" 257, Galt.

The M. W., the Grand Master, has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges :

1899.	Oct. 6th....	Amity Lodge,	No. 32, Dunnville.
"	Oct. 9th....	Harriston Lodge,	" 262, Harriston.
"	Oct. 30th...	Vittoria Lodge,	" 359, Vittoria.
"	Nov. 1st....	Sussex Lodge,	" 5, Brockville.
"	Nov. 1st....	Prince of Wales Lodge,	" 371, Ottawa.
"	Nov. 6th....	Lodge of Fidelity,	" 231, Ottawa.
"	Nov. 22nd...	Maple Leaf Lodge,	" 362, Tara.
"	Nov. 28th...	Doric Lodge,	" 121, Brantford.
"	Nov. 28th...	Seymour Lodge,	" 272, Ancaster.
"	Nov. 28th...	Hanover Lodge,	" 432, Hanover.
"	Dec. 16th...	Central Lodge,	" 402, Essex.
"	Dec. 20th...	Minden Lodge,	" 253, Kingston.
"	Dec. 20th...	The Barton Lodge,	" 6, Hamilton.
1900.	Jan. 5th....	Salem Lodge,	" 368, Brockville.
"	Feb. 26th...	Zeta Lodge,	" 410, Toronto.
"	March 26th...	Malahide Lodge,	" 140, Aylmer.
"	May 15th...	Harmony Lodge,	" 438, Toronto.
"	May 16th...	Wellington Lodge,	" 271, Erin.
"	May 28th...	Corinthian Lodge,	" 101, Peterboro.
"	June 6th...	St. George's Lodge,	" 88, Owen Sound.
"	June 6th...	Caledonian Lodge,	" 249, Midland.
"	June 11th...	King Solomon's Lodge,	" 378, London West.
"	June 13th...	Fort William Lodge,	" 415, Fort William.
"	June 25th...	Erie Lodge,	" 149, Port Dover.
"	June 28th...	Farran's Point Lodge,	" 256, Farran's Point.

DISPENSATIONS.

By instruction from the M. W., the Grand Master, I have issued the following dispensations, viz. :

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 23, 1899..	285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	To Attend Divine Service.
" " " "	285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	" Install.
" 30, " " "	81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" " " "	262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	" Attend Divine Service.
July 13, " " "	370	Harmony.....	Delhi.....	" Install.
" 15, " " "	2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	" Install.
" 4, " " "	196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	" Attend Divine Service.
Aug. 4, " " "	260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	" Confer 2nd and 3rd ^e on same day.
Sept. 2, " " "	247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	" Meet in another Hall for Sept.
Oct 25, " " "	25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	" Raise within 20 days.
Nov. 1, " " "	10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	" Confer (out of jurisdiction).
" 4, " " "	339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 20, " " "	367	St. George's.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 21, " " "	177	The Builder's.....	Ottawa.....	" Banquet.
" " " "	195	The Tuscan.....	London.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 27, " " "	7	Union.....	Grimsbly.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 30, " " "	406	The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls.....	" Pass within prescribed time.
" 14, " " "	361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	" Change Meeting.
Dec. 6, " " "	438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	" Change Meeting.
" 7, " " "	166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	" Install.
" 14, " " "	62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 19, 1899..	352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	To Install.
" 20, " ..	374	Keene.....	Keene.....	" Install.
" 20, " ..	74	St. James'.....	Maitland.....	" Install.
" 21, " ..	186	Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	" Elect.
" 21, " ..	144	Tecumseh.....	Straford.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 27, " ..	145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 29, " ..	403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	" Install.
" 29, " ..	433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	" Install.
" 29, " ..	439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	" Install.
Jan. 2, 1900..	384	Georgian.....	Penetang.....	" Install.
" 2, " ..	359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	" Install.
" 4, " ..	224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	" Install.
" 5, " ..	223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	" Install.
" 8, " ..	346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 8, " ..	345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 11, " ..	358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	" Install.
" 13, " ..	289	Dorie.....	Lobo.....	" Install.
" 23, " ..	116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	" Install.
" 24, " ..	136	Richmond.....	Stouffville.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 27, " ..	325	Orono.....	Orono.....	" Install.
" 27, " ..	16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 29, " ..	396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 13, " ..	U. D.	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	" Work

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Feb. 8, 1920..	343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	To Attend an At Home.
" 8, " "	86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 12, " "	30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	" Attend at all hours.
" 13, " "	65	Rohoboam.....	Toronto.....	" Meet one hour earlier.
" 14, " "	231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 15, " "	110	Central.....	Prescott.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 17, " "	290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	" Install.
" 17, " "	247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 17, " "	421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 19, " "	394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 19, " "	190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 20, " "	438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	" Meet at 4.30 p. m.
Mar. 28, " "	330	Corinthian.....	London.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 31, " "	347	Merceer.....	Fergus.....	" Elect and Install.
" 26, " "	61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 26, " "	121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 26, " "	45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	" Attend Divine Service.
May 17, " "	122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 19, " "	295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 31, " "	230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	" Install.
" 31, " "	6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	" Open at 9 a. m.
June 7, " "	343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	" Install.
" 9, " "	62	St. Andrew's ..	Caledonia.....	" Attend Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 11, 1900..	174	Walsingham...	Port Rowan	To Attend Divine Service.
" 12, " ..	332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 15, " ..	267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	" Elect.
" 15, " ..	129	The Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 18, " ..	322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 18, " ..	107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	" Install.
" 18, " ..	258	Guelph	Guelph.....	" Install.
" 18, " ..	88	St. George's	Owen Sound.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 21, " ..	216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	" Attend an At Home.
" 21, " ..	143	Friendly Bros.....	Iroquois.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 22, " ..	135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 23, " ..	2	Niagara.....	Niagara	" Attend Divine Service.
" 26, " ..	370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	" Install.

Fraternally submitted.

J. J. Mason
Grand Secretary.

HAMILTON, 12th July, 1900.

Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual Communication at London, 18th July, 1900.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario:*

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1900.

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 1st June, 1899, was.....\$11,302 22
During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary for General Fund.....\$21,978 77
For Asylum Fund.....435 00

22,413 77

\$33,715 99

The expenditure for General Purposes during the year was.....\$ 9,079 11
For Benevolence.....13,150 00

22,229 11

Balance in Bank on 2nd June, 1900.....\$11,486 88

In the expenditure for Benevolence is included the sums of \$2,000 grant to the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief, and \$1,000 to the National Patriotic Fund.

The following debentures having matured, have been paid, or renewed:

The Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co.....\$10,000 00
The Canadian Savings and Loan Co.....5,000 00
The Landed Banking and Loan Co.....5,000 00
The Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.....5,000 00
The British Canadian Loan and Investment Co.....15,000 00
The Huron and Erie Loan Co.....15,000 00

\$55,000 00

and were renewed, or invested as follows:

The Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co. @ 4%..	\$10,000 00
The Canadian Savings and Loan Co..... " 4%..	5,000 00
The Landed Banking and Loan Co..... " 4%..	5,000 00
The Ontario Loan and Debenture Co..... " 4%..	5,000 00
The Canada Central Loan and Savings Co.... " 4%..	15,000 00
The Landed Banking and Loan Co..... " 4%..	15,000 00
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	\$55,000 00

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount at the credit of the General Fund and the Asylum Fund, respectively, on the 31st May, 1900, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest.

All the debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Mason of Canada
in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.*

1899.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
June 30—	Paid	Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st Dec. 1898.....\$	50 00
" 30—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th March, 1899.....	50 00
" 30—	"	Grand Master, balance of travelling expenses, 1899.....	250 00
" 30—	"	Grand Secretary, salary to date.....	500 00
" 30—	"	Assistant to Grand Sec'y, salary to date.....	200 00
" 30—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to date.....	50 00
" 30—	"	Stenographer, salary to date.....	75 00
July 31—	"	Gen. Masonic Relief Asso. Annual Sub.	119 00
" 31—	"	Grand Secretary, bal. of incidentals to 31st May, 1899.....	118 92
" 31—	"	Grand Secretary, on acct. of incidentals	500 00
" 31—	"	Robert Duncan & Co., books, etc.....	55 85
" 31—	"	The Spectator Printing Co., printing..	434 08
" 31—	"	The Howell Lithograph Co., books of Cheques.....	32 00
" 31—	"	J. Eastwood & Co., stationery.....	76 06
" 31—	"	Expenses, Board of General Purposes.	1,000 00
" 31—	"	J. B. Nixon, Expenses at Board of General Purposes.....	39 10
" 31—	"	J. B. Nixon, expenses re Benevolent Investigation.....	200 00
Aug. 31—	"	Hunter, Rose & Co., J. Ross Robertson, History of Masonry :	37 50
" 31—	"	Henry Robertson, for Foreign correspondence report.....	100 00
" 31—	"	The Copp, Clark Co., for certificates..	424 25
Sept. 30—	"	J. B. Nixon, expenses re Benevolent Investigation.....	100 00
" 30—	"	Premium of Grand Sec'y's Guarantee Bond.....	50 00
" 30—	"	Bal. of Expenses B'd of Gen. Purposes	14 10
Oct. 31—	"	J. E. Harding, postage re Benevolence	15 00
" 31—	"	Grand Secretary, salary to date.....	500 00
" 31—	"	Assistant to Grand Sec'y, salary to date	200 00
" 31—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to date	50 00
" 31—	"	Stenographer, salary to date.....	75 00

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Oct. 31—	Paid	J. B. Nixon, investigation re Benevolent Grants.....	150 00
" 31—	"	Expenses, meeting of Grand Lodge at Ottawa.....	166 00
" 31—	"	J. A. Hoshal, expenses attending B'd of General Purposes.....	30 00
Nov. 30—	"	J. B. Nixon, balance investigation re Benevolent Grants.....	56 00
" 30—	"	Expenses re investigation, Lodge 222 vs. Bro. Donald Clark.....	37 85
" 30—	"	Central Press Agency, Portraits for Grand Lodge Proceedings.....	64 90
Dec. 31—	"	Ambrose, Kent & Son, repairs to Grand Lodge regalia.....	5 25
" 31—	"	Grand Master on acct travelling exp..	250 00
" 31—	"	Spectator Printing Co., on acct. Ptg...	1,000 00
" 31—	"	Grand Secretary, salary to date.....	500 00
" 31—	"	Assistant to Grand Sec., salary to date	200 00
" 31—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to date.....	50 00
" 31—	"	Stenographer, salary to date.....	75 00
1900			
Jan. 31—	"	R. B. Hungerford, exp's to Washington	44 50
Feb. 28—	"	Presentation, Cup to Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	66 25
Mar. 31—	"	Grand Secretary, salary to date.....	500 00
" 31—	"	Assistant to Grand Sec., salary to date	200 00
" 31—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to date.....	50 00
" 31—	"	Stenographer, salary to date.....	75 00
Apl. 30—	"	Manchester Insurance Co., Insurance on Regalia.....	17 50
" 30—	"	Hamilton Masonic Hall Asso., Rent to 31st May, 1900 ..	175 00
June 2—	"	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th June.	50 00
" 2—	"	Benevolent orders as per list ..	13,150 00
		Balance as per balance sheet.....	80,405 13

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1899. RECEIPTS.

June 1—	Balance as per Balance Sheet	\$80,655 47
July 15—	By Grand Secretary.....	4,000 00
Nov. 30—	By " "	112 88
1900.		
Jan. 31—	By " "	6,000 00
May 2—	By " "	6,500 00
May 30—	By " "	42 89
May 31—	By " "	3,800 00
June 2—	By " "	1,523 00

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STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

1899.	May 31—	Balance as per Balance Sheet.....	\$15,646 75
"	" 31—	By Grand Secretary, prop'n of int....	435 00

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HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1899.	Aug. 1899
30 Mrs. Matt G. Vander- wort \$10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. McBurney. 20 00
30 Mrs. Samuel Latimer. 20 00	31 " Thos. McC. Law- rence 10 00
30 " John Munroe... 10 00	31 " Andrew Kellock 25 00
July	31 " W. T. Southcott. 15 00
31 Miss Mary W. Harris. 18 75	31 Orpha. of J. Jenkins. 10 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson... 75 00	31 Bro. John Findlay... 25 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50	31 Mrs. M. C. Brown... 10 00
31 " Wm. Sharpe.... 10 00	31 Wife of S. M. Davies. 20 00
Aug.	31 Mrs. Alf. Goldsmith... 10 00
31 Mrs. D. G. Huff..... 20 00	31 " G. B. Gray..... 10 00
31 Bro. T. H. Butler.... 50 00	31 " Wm. Whitters.. 10 00
31 Bro. F. P. Gassion .. 50 00	31 Bro. Jos. Blackburn. 50 00
31 Bro. Wm. Campbell.. 50 00	31 Mrs. W. B. Wallace.. 10 00
31 Bro. John Chaeley... 25 00	31 Bro. R. C. Wright... 25 00
31 Mrs. W. J. Smythe... 10 00	31 Bro. C. Scarborough. 25 00
31 " Horatio Canning 10 00	31 Dau. of Wm. Kerr... 10 00
31 " John Mills 10 00	31 Wid. & Orphs. J. W. McDonald 20 00
31 " Thomas Frazer.. 20 00	31 Mrs. Alex. J. Short.. 20 00
31 " W. S. Pickhaver. 20 00	31 " N. H. Smith ... 20 00
31 " Henry Allen.... 10 00	31 " A. S. McIntyre. 10 00
31 " John Manning.. 20 00	31 " S. Stevenson... 10 00
31 " G. W. Shields... 15 00	31 " J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00
31 " J. Parker 15 00	31 " J. G. Jorgenson. 10 00
31 " Wm Corner.... 20 00	31 Bro. Walter Hann... 50 00
31 Bro. F. Devereux.... 25 00	31 " R. Carey..... 15 00
31 Mrs. A. R. Paul..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Geo. Hampton.. 10 00
31 " William Jolly .. 20 00	31 " Peter Grant 20 00
31 " J. B. Cummings. 40 00	31 " John Evans 15 00
31 Bro. J. L. Dizon 25 00	31 " John Forrest... 20 00
31 Bro. John A. Scott .. 25 00	31 Bro. Alex. Baid..... 25 00
31 Mrs. E. Kester . . . 10 00	31 Mrs. A. Jeffery . . . 15 00
31 " Richard Flood.. 20 00	31 Mrs. T. D. Harring- ton 40 00
31 " John Hodgson... 20 00	31 " Geo. Christie... 15 00
31 " Robert White... 10 00	31 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00
31 " W. M. Hunter... 40 00	31 Bro. Andrew McLim. 25 00
31 " S. P. Ponton ,... 15 00	31 Bro. C. W. Brown ... 25 00
31 " Peter Patterson. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm Perry..... 20 00
31 Wife of R. Hazzard.. 25 00	31 Bro L W. Whitney . 50 00
31 Bro. John Jack... .. 25 00	31 Mrs. M. H. Powell ... 10 00
31 Mrs. David Small.... 20 00	31 Mrs. S. Bispham..... 10 00
31 " J. S. Baker 10 00	31 Bro. W. T. Duff..... 50 00
31 " Jos. McGibbery. 10 00	31 Bro. F. Mudge..... 25 00
31 " Henry Hall..... 10 00	31 Mrs. R. A. Kirby 10 00
31 " Thomas Vessv.. 20 00	31 Mrs. H. A. Ethering- ton 40 00
31 " Richard Phillips 15 00	31 Orph. of T. Lockerty. 20 00
31 " John Jackson .. 20 00	31 Mrs. T. S. Agar 40 00
31 " L. York 20 00	
31 " Henry Hamitt.. 20 00	
31 " A. Graham..... 15 00	

Aug. 1899

31	Bro. Jas. W. Crate...	25 00
30	Mrs. Edwd. Wazell...	15 00
30	Bro. P. Meyers	25 00
30	Mrs. William Ross...	15 00
30	" William Mills...	10 00
30	" J. T. Jones	40 00
30	Bro. James Richmond	25 00
30	Mrs. John Hicks	20 00
30	" J. A. McInnes...	10 00
30	" W. Widgery....	20 00
30	" Alex. Miller. .	10 00
30	" John Munroe...	10 00
30	Bro. A. Couper.....	25 00
30	Mrs. J. Woodrowa....	10 00
30	" James C. Bogart	10 00
30	" W. J. Arniel...	20 00
30	" W. A. Fowler...	20 00
30	" John G. Angell...	15 00
30	" John Kennedy...	10 00
30	Bro. H. A. Wetherell.	50 00
30	Mrs. Wm. Leaney....	15 00
30	" Jacob L. Clear...	10 00
30	" James Hortop...	10 00
30	" Chas. Graham...	15 00
30	" McKee Conklin...	25 00
30	" R. T. Smith....	25 00
30	" Levi Neil	10 00
30	" Adam Petrie....	10 00
30	" J. C. Hollister...	10 00
30	" David Ross....	10 00
30	" Edment Hill...	20 00
30	" John Vaux.....	15 00
30	" Jos. Metherell...	10 00
31	" F. Elkington....	20 00
31	" James Wade ...	25 00
31	" L. G. Jolliffe ...	10 00
31	" Wm. Marriott...	10 00
31	" John Abbott ...	20 00
31	" Jos. Middleton...	10 00
31	" John Williams...	10 00
31	Bro. Jas. C. Wilson...	25 00
31	Mrs. John Tremeeer...	10 00
31	" G. L. Macfarlane	20 00
31	" Fred. W. Cooke...	20 00
31	Bro. T. R. Wood....	50 00
31	Mrs. John Romer....	20 00
31	" R. H. Wright...	20 00
31	Wife of A. Kennedy...	20 00
31	Mrs. A. E. Baker....	20 00
31	Sister of W. Corrigan	25 00
31	Mrs. S. Townsend...	20 00
31	" Anthony Davy...	10 00
31	" W. H. Street....	10 00
31	" R. E. Harrison...	15 00

Aug. 1899

31	Bro. Henry Newton..	50 00
31	Mrs. M. F. Haney....	15 00
31	Orphs. of J. A. Blott.	10 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Filton....	10 00
31	" J. T. Gurnett...	20 00
31	" John Weir.....	10 00
31	Dau. of R. H. Bonny-	
	castle	20 00
31	Bro. Jas. Bowman ..	25 00
31	Orphs. of R. J. Mc-	
	Auslan.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Geo. Gostie....	5 00
31	" J. E. Edwards...	10 00
31	" D. L. Comins...	10 00
31	" T. Richardson...	10 00
31	" Thos. G. Shaw...	10 00
31	" Peter R. Davy...	15 00
31	" W. R. Ramsay...	20 00
31	" W. Holmwood...	20 00
31	" C. E. S. Black...	10 00
31	" Arthur Lloyd...	20 00
31	" Robt. C. Carter...	15 00
31	" John Wright ...	10 00
31	" Thos. Brook....	10 00
31	" S. H. Blondheim	10 00
31	" A. L. Rundle...	15 00

September.

30	Mrs. Robert Young ..	10 00
30	" David Wilcox...	10 00
30	" Robt. A. Page...	20 00
30	" G. L. Eddeston...	10 00
30	" Rich'd Radcliffe.	15 00
30	" T. T. Johnstone...	20 00
30	" Wm. Scarcliffe...	10 00
30	" Wm. Johnston...	15 00
30	" Robt. Gibson...	10 00
30	" G. H. Baillie...	15 00
30	" T. W. Harrison...	10 00
30	" A. Wodehouse...	15 00
30	" James Baylie...	10 00
30	" Thos. Elliot	10 00
30	" John Mander...	20 00
30	" Samuel Redpath	15 00
30	Daus. of Steph. Smith	20 00
30	Mrs. Wm. Brodison...	20 00
30	" Elisha Saunders	15 00
30	" John Harvey...	10 00
30	" John Thompson...	10 00
30	Bro. W. W. Cameron.	25 00
30	Mrs. James Miller...	15 00
30	Wid. and Dau. of A.	
	A. Ross.....	20 00
30	Bro. D. McNabb	25 00
30	Mrs. Hugh Rankin...	20 00

Sept.	1899	
30	Mrs. E. K. Bowen....	10 00
30	" W. C. Smart...	15 00
30	" Wm. Scott	10 00
30	Bro. G. A. E. Chart-	
	wood.....	40 00
30	Mrs. A. Coombs	10 00
30	Orph. of Wm. Crozier	15 00
30	Mrs. Donald McNeil.	10 00
30	Bro. Robt. H. Green.	40 00
30	Dau. of Geo Dean...	25 00
30	Orphs of J. R. Steele.	20 00
30	Bro. Alex. Findlay..	25 00
30	Miss Nary M. Harris.	18 75
October.		
31	Mrs. Oliver Young...	20 00
31	" F. S. Stethem..	10 00
31	" Adam Armstrong	40 00
31	" G. C. Longley ..	20 00
31	" David Robertson	10 00
31	" Richard Hill ..	20 00
31	" Henry Liersche.	20 00
31	Bro. Henry Bell.....	40 00
31	Mrs. John Kingston..	10 00
31	" W. M. Wilson..	37 50
31	" Wm. Findland..	10 00
31	" H. L. Kifner ..	20 00
31	" W. B. Simpson.	25 00
31	" Samuel Latimer	20 00
31	" J. L. Young	10 00
31	" Francis Brown..	10 00
31	Miss Mary Wilson...	75 00
31	Mrs. R. R. G. Mont-	
	gomery	10 00
31	Dau of Wm. Wilkin-	
	son	40 00
31	Bro. John Scotr	50 00
31	Bro. Henry Newton..	50 00
31	Mrs. W. A. Harvey ..	10 00
31	" A Bowman ...	20 00
31	Bro. Edward Green..	50 00
31	Mrs. E. Gilday	10 00
31	" John Polley	50 00
31	Child. of R. E. Fisher	30 00
31	Mrs Chas. W. Noble.	10 00
31	Moth. of Sam. Dock-	
	stader	20 00
31	Bro. J. A. Sloan	15 00
31	Bro. W. E. Sills.....	50 00
31	Bro. W. Rombough..	50 00
November.		
30	Mrs. James Young...	15 00
30	" J. Zimmerman..	10 00
30	" David Gardner..	10 00
30	" A. C. Inwood...	10 00

Nov.	1899	
30	Mrs. G. T. Porter ...	10 00
30	" Wm. McCargon.	15 00
30	" Jestie Wright...	20 00
30	" John Chapman..	10 00
30	Bro. Peter Brown....	50 00
30	Mrs. E. Cherry.....	10 00
30	Orphs. of S. Phoenix.	15 00
30	Mrs. Chas. Allens ..	10 00
30	" W. P. Kingslaur.	20 00
30	Bro. William Carl....	40 00
30	Mrs. Henry Jones....	10 00
30	" Hy. Richardson.	10 00
30	Bro. Peter Dorr.....	25 00
30	Orphs. of M. Nesbit..	20 00
30	Mrs. Ronald Cambell	15 00
30	Orphs. of J. H. Both-	
	well.....	10 00
30	" " " "	10 00
30	Mrs. Thos. Blackburn	10 00
30	" T. J. McDougall	20 00
30	" J. Scotland....	20 00
30	" W. E. Johnson.	10 00
30	" S. H. McCoy...	20 00
30	Bro. Wm. Davidson..	40 00
30	Mrs. John McKillican	10 00
December.		
31	Mrs. James Allen....	20 00
31	Bro. Thos. Parkinson	40 00
January. 1900		
31	Miss Mary Wilson...	75 00
31	Bro. Wm. Helm.....	40 00
31	Miss Mary H. Harris.	18 75
31	Mrs. Isaac Hogg.....	10 00
31	" W. M. Wilson..	37 50
31	Bro. Thos. Dutler...	50 00
31	Mrs. H. G. F. Torrance	30 00
February.		
28	Bro. J. L. Dickson ..	25 00
28	Orphs. of T. Lockerty	20 00
28	Bro. Alex. Findlay...	25 00
28	Mrs. Robert White...	10 00
28	Bro. T. Mudge.	25 00
28	Mrs. Wm Whitters..	10 00
28	" W. Widgery.....	20 00
28	Bro. James W. Crate	25 00
28	Mrs. Wm. Jolley.....	20 00
28	" A. R. Paul.....	20 00
28	" J. Parker.....	15 00
28	" Hy. Mannuill...	20 00
28	Bro. C. W. Brown ...	25 00
28	Mrs. H. Canning ...	10 00
28	Orphs. of J. A. Blott.	10 00
28	Mrs. Wm. Leaney ...	15 00
28	Bro. A. Couper.....	25 00

Feb.	1900	Feb.	1900
28	Mrs. John Hodgson.. 20 00	28	Mrs. G. C. Longley.. 20 00
28	Orphs. of S. Phoenix. 15 00	28	" Wm. Marriott.. 10 00
28	Wife of S. M. Davies. 20 00	28	Orph. of Wm. Crozier 15 00
28	Mrs. James Young... 15 00	28	Mrs. J. S. Baker..... 10 00
28	" John Treemeer . 10 00	28	" Jcs. McGibbury. 10 00
28	" James Allen.... 10 00	28	" S. Townsend.... 20 00
28	Bro. Alex. Barr..... 25 00	28	" G. H. Baillie ... 15 00
28	Mrs. John Wills 10 00	28	" John Chapman. 10 00
28	" J. T. Gurnett... 20 00	28	Bro. Walter Hume .. 50 00
28	" W. J. Smythe .. 10 00	28	Mrs. John Evans ... 15 00
28	Bro. J. A. Sloan..... 15 00	28	" N. F. Southcott. 15 00
28	Mrs. Hy. Jones..... 10 00	28	Bro. W. T. Duff 50 00
28	" J. C. Inwood ... 10 00	28	Mrs. Nathan Smith.. 20 00
28	" L. York 20 00	28	Sister of W. Corrigan 25 00
28	" G. T. Porter.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Richard Hill .. 20 00
28	" Chas. Graham.. 15 00	28	" John Munroe... 10 00
28	" John Jackson. . 20 00	28	" John Rouse..... 20 00
28	" Arthur Lloyd... 20 00	28	Bro. Jas. C. Wilson.. 25 00
28	" John Manning.. 20 00	28	Mrs. S. L. Ponton .. 15 00
28	" W. H. Hunter .. 40 00	28	Dau. of R. H. Bonny-
28	" Thos. G. Shaw.. 10 00		castle 20 00
28	Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00	28	Mrs. S. W. Blandin.. 10 00
28	Mrs. Jas. Metherell . 10 00	28	Bro. C. Scarborough. 25 00
28	" Jas Woodrow.. 10 00	28	Mrs. John Vaux..... 15 00
28	" John Hicks..... 20 00	28	Moth. of J. B. Cum-
28	" T. W. Harrison. 10 00		mings 40 00
28	" C. E. S. Black.. 10 00	28	Bro. John A. Scott... 25 00
28	Bro. R. T. Smith.... 25 00	28	Mrs. W. McBurney . 20 00
28	Mrs. James Filton.. 10 00	28	Bro. John Blackburn. 50 00
28	" Thomas Frazer 20 00	28	Mrs. F. S. Slethem 10 00
28	" Thomas Vesey.. 20 00	28	Bro. Wm. Campbell.. 50 00
28	" David Small ... 20 00	28	Dau. of Wm. Kerr... 10 00
28	" L. G. Joliffe ... 10 00	28	Mrs. T. Richardson. 10 00
28	" John Forrest... 20 00	28	" David Ross ... 10 00
28	Bro. D. McNabb. ... 25 00	28	" McKee Conklin . 25 00
28	Mrs John Mander.. 20 00	28	" John Williams.. 10 00
28	" J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00	28	" David Wilcox .. 10 00
28	" R. Carey 15 00	28	Bro. James Richmond 25 00
28	Bro. Andrew McLine. 25 00	28	Mrs Peter Grant 20 00
28	Mrs. William Mills... 10 00	28	" Wm. Srodison . 20 00
28	Wid. and Orphs. John	28	" J. A. Macinnes. 10 00
	McDonald..... 20 00	28	" Richard Phillips 15 00
28	Mrs. Alex. Miller . 10 00	28	" G. S. Macfarlane 20 00
28	" James Boyle ... 10 00	28	" John Weir 10 00
28	" Alex. J. Short.. 20 00	28	Orphans of R. S. Mc-
28	" Thos. McC. Law-		Auslan 10 00
	rance 10 00	28	Mrs. E. K. Bowen... 10 00
28	" Edward Wasell. 15 00	28	" W. J. Arnice... 20 00
28	" G. B. Gray..... 10 00	28	" William Perry... 20 00
28	Bro. W. W. Cameron. 25 00	28	Dau. of John Dean.. 25 00
28	Mrs. Jacob McClair.. 10 00	28	Mrs. E. Kester 10 00
28	" A. Jefferev..... 15 00	28	Bro. John Findlay... 25 00
28	Bro. R. C. Wright.... 25 00	28	Mrs. Robt. A. Kerby. 10 00
28	Mrs. W. C. Smart ... 15 00	28	" W. S. Peckover. 20 00

Feb. 1900

28	Wife of A. Kennedy..	20 00
28	Mrs. Francis Brown..	10 00
28	" Edment Hill....	20 00
28	" J. Scotland.....	20 00
28	Bro. James Wade....	25 00
28	" F. P. Gassion... 50 00	
28	" John Juek.....	25 00
28	Mrs. A. L. Rundle... 15 00	
28	" J. G. Jorgensen.. 10 00	
28	Bro. F. Devereux.... 25 00	
28	Mrs. T. Blackburn... 10 00	
28	Bro. John Scott..... 50 00	
28	" Peter Brown.... 50 00	
28	Ers. H. Richardson.. 10 00	
28	" S. L. Comins... 10 00	
28	" John A. Angell.. 15 00	
28	" Thos. Brock.... 10 00	
28	" J. L. Young 10 00	
28	" M. C. Brown ... 10 00	
28	" Wm. McCargon.. 15 00	
28	" T. B. Johnston.. 20 00	
28	" P. Paterson 10 00	
28	" Wm. Sharp..... 10 00	
28	Wife of R. Hassard.. 25 00	
28	Mrs. P. D. McArthur. 20 00	
28	" Leslie Wright... 20 00	
28	Orph. M. Nesbit 20 00	
28	Mrs. T. J. McDougall 20 00	
28	" Chas. Allens.... 10 00	
28	" John Kennedy.. 10 00	
28	" T. T. Agar 40 00	
28	" Anthony Davy... 10 00	
28	" G. L. Eddleston. 10 00	
28	" Geo. Christie... 15 00	
28	" J. Zimmerman.. 10 00	
28	" James Miller .. 15 00	
28	" Wm. Ramsay... 20 00	
28	" John Kingston.. 10 00	
28	" Robt. A. Page .. 20 00	
28	" John Wright ... 11 00	
28	" W. B. Wallace.. 15 00	
28	" Robt. C. Carter. 50 00	
28	Bro. H. A. Wetherell. 52 00	
28	Bro. John Chaseley.. 10 00	
28	Mrs. Alf. Goldsmith . 10 00	
28	Orph. of Jno. Jenkins 50 00	
28	Mrs. Jas. C. Bogart .. 10 00	
28	" William Ross... 10 00	
28	" A. S. McIntyre . 10 00	
28	" J. T. Jones 40 00	
28	" W. Holmwood .. 20 00	
28	" Wm. Fuiglow... 10 00	
28	Bro. Peter Dow 25 00	
28	Mrs. George Goslee .. 5 00	

April. 1900

28	Mrs. David Gardner..	10 00
28	" A. Graham.....	15 00
28	" T. D. Harrington..	110 00
28	" Andrew Kellock..	25 00
28	" Jno. Thompson .	10 00
28	" G. W. Shields ..	15 00
28	" John Abbott....	20 00
28	Bro. W. E. Sills	50 00
28	Mrs. R. H. Wright...	20 00
28	" A. Coombs	10 00
28	Bro. P. Meyers	25 00
28	Mrs. Wm. Johnstone. 15 00	
28	" R. E. Harrison .	15 00
28	" Henry Hall.....	10 00
28	" A. E. Baker.....	20 00
March.		
31	Mrs. S. Stevenson....	10 00
31	" David Robertson	10 00
31	" Jno. E. Edwards	10 00
31	" Robert Gibson..	10 00
31	Bro. Charles McKay..	10 00
31	Orph. of J. R. Steele .	20 00
31	Mrs. Adam Petrie....	10 00
31	" M. F. Haney ...	15 00
31	Bro. S. L. Dockstader.	20 00
31	Wid. & Dau. of A. A. Ross	20 00
31	Mrs. W. P. Kingston.	20 00
31	" H. A. Ethering- ton	40 00
31	" Richard Flood..	20 00
31	" Isaac Hogg.....	10 00
31	" W. A. Fowler....	20 00
31	Bro. T. R. Wood	50 00
31	Bro. Jas. Bowman ...	25 00
31	Mrs. A. Woodhouse..	15 00
31	" Henry Lierch ...	20 00
31	" Thos. Elliott ...	10 00
31	" E. Saunders ...	15 00
31	" Rich. Radcliffe .	15 00
31	Dau. of S. Smith	20 00
31	Mrs. F. Elbington ...	20 00
31	" E. Gilday	10 00
31	" Levi Neil	10 00
31	" Jos. Middleton..	10 00
31	" Hugh Rankin ..	20 00
31	" Chas. W. Noble..	10 00
31	" Wm. Scott	10 00
31	" Peter R. Davy..	15 00
31	Bro. L. W. Whitney .	50 00
31	Mrs. W. B. Simpson. 25 00	
31	" Jas. McKillican.	10 00

April.

30	Mrs. John Harvey...	10 00
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April	1900	May	1900
30	Miss Mary Wilson .. 75 00	31	Orphs. of H. Bothwell 10 00
30	Bro. Edward Green.. 50 00	31	Bro. Wm. Rombough. 50 00
30	Mrs. E. Cherry..... 10 00	31	Mrs. Samuel Latimer 20 00
30	" W. Searchliffe .. 10 00	31	" Ronald Campbell 15 00
30	" W. H. Karn.... 30 00	Treasurer National Patri-	
30	" Donald McNeil. 10 00	otic Fund, relief of	
30	" W. M. Wilson.. 37 50	sufferers by Indian	
30	" Robert Young.. 10 00	famine.... 1000 00	
30	" R. R. G. Mont-	Relief of sufferers Ottawa	
	gomery. 10 00	and Hull fire..... 2000 00	
May		Total \$13150 00	
31	Mrs. James Hortop . 10 00		
31	" A. S. Bowman . 20 00		

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungertord, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungertord, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No.1, for the past year.

To the Brethren of the district I express my heartfelt thanks for the honor which they conferred upon me in electing me to the important position of D. D. G. M. of

this district, but still more for the hearty and generous reception extended to me throughout the district whether upon ordinary business or upon my official visits.

I would particularly mention only two who from their active interest may truly be called Fathers of the Craft in Erie District, viz., R. W. Bro. MacNabb, of Chat-ham, and R. W. Bro. Allworth, of Kingsville. The former is still looked upon as the tutor of a number of lodges in the center of the district, while he also keeps himself in touch with most of the Lodges in the whole of the Western Peninsula.

Of R. W. Bro. Allworth at the Western end, it may be truly said he is looking well to the West. His long service in the interests of St. George's Lodge and deep interest in the surrounding Lodges is a credit to the Craft and a blessing to the lodges concerned.

Many others are deserving of mention, but suffice it to say, we have many old and tried Masons still in active work.

To my predecessors in office of D. D. G. M., I may say that their efforts in perfecting Masonry in this district have been appreciated, and upon visiting the several Lodges I found prominent traces of their work in the uniform manner in which the officers of the several Lodges performed their duties, and this stimulated me to greater zeal in the hope that my visits and work might add still further to the perfecting of the work in this district.

I devoted a portion of my time in each Lodge to the principles of Masonry as applied to members and endeavored to impress upon them the necessity of applying those principles with even greater assiduity than they displayed in their work in the Lodge room; also impressing upon them the wishes of the M. Wor. the Grand Master regarding the restoration of all good Masons to membership in the different Lodges.

By resolution of delegates at district meeting during last communication of Grand Lodge I purchased a D. D. G. M.'s apron which I presented to R. W. Bro. Hillier, Immediate Past D. D. G. M., as a mark of appreciation for the work done by him in the district.

Petitions were received from three different points for

the establishment of Lodges, and these were treated in accordance with the Constitution.

During my term of office I granted dispensations to six lodges, all for the purpose of attending Divine Service clothed as Masons. These I have reported to the Grand Secretary..

The election of officers is a point upon which several of the District Deputy Grand Masters have expressed opinions during each year for some time past, and I would respectfully call the attention of Grand Lodge to it. Where the officers of private Lodges are elected at different times it is very difficult for the D. D. G. M. to so arrange his visits so as to give the officers of all Lodges time to get into running shape; whereas, if they were all elected in June, and I find that very few visits are made by D. D. G. M.'s before November, it would give them at least four months in which to perfect themselves and still leave ample time for the D. D. G. M. to get through with his official visits.

I find that every Lodge contributed to my expenses to the same amount, and this was done voluntarily. I presume some of my predecessors must have educated them to this method.

My correspondence I found very heavy, but endeavored to treat it upon business principles and succeeded fairly well in keeping up with it.

I find that most Lodges forget that returns should be sent in immediately after June 24th in each year, and while a few Secretaries were very prompt, the greater number did not send them until after July 1, and some of them had to be notified a second time.

I received notice of change in by-laws from The Hammond 327, Central 402, Essex, and Windsor 403, Windsor. These were forwarded with my sanction to the M. W. the Grand Master for his confirmation.

By dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, I healed Bro. Teasdal Dixon, of Detroit, in Windsor Lodge, with the consent of the said Lodge.

The subject of refreshments may prove of interest when I state that during my official visits I found no intoxicating liquors at any of the suppers, and I find this to be the custom, and, in fact, some of the Lodges prohibit by by-law. The promoters of the prohibition motion will see that their efforts are bearing fruit in the

private Lodges, even if they are not successful with their motion in Grand Lodge.

Lorne, No. 282: I visited this Lodge on April 12th, and saw the first degree conferred in a very proper way by W. Bro. French and his officers. I regret that this Lodge has not yet obtained a place of meeting, used only for themselves, but they are in a fair way to do so, and I hope to see them in new quarters before the end of the year. The standing of the Lodge, both in regards to work and finance, is good, and as they are receiving several young members, they are in a good position to make rapid advancement, which I have no doubt they will do under the guiding hand of W. Bro. French, who devotes himself heartily to the work.

Great Western, No. 47, Windsor: On April 26th I visited this Lodge and found the brethren to the number of 100 or more gathered, among them being a number from Windsor Lodge, as well as several from Detroit, and it afforded me great pleasure to find the close intimacy between the Lodges in this city and the brethren across the border. I had the pleasure of being present when the Grand Lodge of Michigan received a visit from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it was with pleasure that I again met some of our American brethren and found them putting into practice the sentiments of good-will which they expressed upon our visit to their Grand Lodge. Under W. M. White I find Great Western enjoying a prosperity unprecedented in the history of the Lodge, and his devotion to the work is shown in the number of meetings held, which average more than one a week, and his presence at all of them. He has done a lot of work, and before his year is over I think he will have the pleasure of knowing that it has been the banner year of Great Western. I met there R. W. Bros. D'Avignon, Wigle, Payne, and Clarke, and several other brethren distinguished in the Craft. I saw the work of the third degree, and, as expected, it was well done, and the officers of the Lodge show the result of training which would be expected of them when we find so many eminent brethren in attendance at their regular meetings. I found P. M. Carley still active in promoting the work. I shall remember with pleasure my visit to Great Western, and trust I

shall again meet with them, for a heartier Masonic greeting would be difficult to get.

Central, No, 402, Essex: I visited on April 27th and found them in excellent condition. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Brien, W. M., and in a manner very pleasing to me. Attendance about 25. Here I found the work of the junior officers particularly deserving of attention, and I attribute the success of this Lodge chiefly to the care bestowed upon the training of its officers in their respective duties. My visit to Central proved that even in country lodges the work can be performed with as much skill as in the best city lodges.

Wellington, No. 46, Chatham: Visited May 7th. Found a good number present, among whom R.W. Bro. MacNabb was prominent. W. M. Turner and officers conferred the third degree in good manner. This Lodge is working hard, and although some of the brethren are not quite energetic enough, I find the officers of a class that must succeed in awakening enthusiasm in the lodge. The condition of the Lodge is first class, and I hope to see them overloaded with work in the near future.

Tecumseh, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited May 8th, and in view of the fact that there was a downpour of rain all evening the attendance was good. W. Bro. Horn did the work, and he and his officers sustained the reputation of the Lodge for first-class work. This Lodge has for some years been in very good condition, and I believe from the interest manifested is likely to continue so.

Star of the East, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited May 9th. R. W. Bro. Hickey, W. M., conferred the third degree and was supported by an excellent staff of officers, who, under his training, have become very expert in their work. A number of brethren from Highgate were in attendance, and a good time was in order. The work of this Lodge is very good indeed, and they look after the financial condition well. A method of supplying refreshments is employed by this Lodge which may be of interest to other Lodges where this question may have to be viewed from a financial standpoint. At each meeting three of the brethren volunteer to supply refreshments at next regular, and they do so in a manner to make a nice lunch at small cost to themselves and

no expense to the Lodge. I believe this to be a very good plan where a small lodge is not financially strong, and if it works as well as I found it in Star of the East, I would certainly recommend it to others in the district. The Secretary, Bro. Bailey, is deserving of mention, as he is prompt and painstaking in his work.

Highgate, No. 336, Highgate: Visited May 11th. I had already spent a social evening with this lodge at their annual At Home, which was a very pleasant affair. I found the work performed by W. M. Gosnell and his officers of such a character as to stamp this as one of the best working Lodges in the district. The attendance at meetings is large and financial standing good. I was also present at their Silver Jubilee on July 13th, when they gave a very fine picnic, at which were present prominent Masons from the district, among whom I may mention R. W. Bros. MacNabb and Carscallen and V. W. Bro. Peters. W. M. Bro. MacNabb, who instituted this Lodge, was the recipient of a beautifully worded address, to which he replied in a suitable manner.

Howard, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited May 14th. No degree work, but the W. M. exemplified some of the work in an excellent manner. There was a good attendance, and the brethren, under W. M. Porter, show energy and enthusiasm in their work. This Lodge is in good working condition, and I have faith in its future.

Windsor, No. 403, Windsor: Visited May 18th. Here I again met a large gathering of the brethren, together with a good representation from Great Western and also from Detroit. The W. M. exemplified the M. M. degree and with the assistance of his officers succeeded in performing the work in an excellent manner. There were present a number of P. D. D. G. M.'s, who took part in the discussion which followed the work, and made the meeting one of particular interest, and, I trust, of profit to the Lodge. R. W. Bro. Allworth, of Kingsville, was present, and his genial manner and active interest made him a most welcome visitor in the Lodge room, and a popular guest at the social gathering afterwards. W. Bro. Miher of this Lodge is a prominent figure, and his energetic work for the Craft makes him a valued member, and one which they hope long to retain with them. The social part of the work

is not forgotten in the city of Windsor, and the festive gatherings after work were very pleasant indeed, and the "after dinner" speeches were of interest, as prominent speakers responded to most of the toasts. I may safely say that in the City of Windsor Masonry is in a most flourishing condition, and from the interest manifested trust and believe it will continue to flourish.

Rodney, No. 411, Rodney: Visited June 6th. I again found a stormy night and few of the brethren braved it, but those who did were of the stamp that make a lodge what it ought to be. The W. M. was absent, but P. M. Dr. Dorland occupied the Master's chair and opened and closed in three degrees. The points suggested were discussed in an interesting manner. This Lodge has had a period of depression, but they have plenty of good workers and I trust it will soon begin a period of activity.

Kent, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited June 11th. Here I found one of the best Secretaries in the district, W. Bro. Crookshanks, and the financial standing of the Lodge is in very good shape owing to his efforts. There was no degree work, but W. M. Dr. Storey opened and closed in three degrees. The work of this Lodge is not so good as it ought to be, but the officers have decided that it will be up to the mark before the close of the year, and I trust it will.

Leamington, No. 290, Leamington: Visited June 12. Here I was met by R. W. Bro. Hillier, and a large number of the brethren of the Lodge. The work of this Lodge is well done, and the officers are active in the performance of their duties, and my visit was a pleasure to me. R. W. Bro. Hillier still exerts a guiding influence over this Lodge, and as his term of office as D. D. G. M. proved one of great benefit to the district, it may be seen that his home Lodge must benefit continually from his presence at their meetings. Leamington Lodge is decidedly all right.

St. George, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited June 13th. Here I again met R. W. Bro. Allworth at home as W. M. of the Lodge, and ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Dr. White, Im. P. M. The work in this Lodge is well done, and although I did not see any degree conferred, I had some of the work exemplified, and find the brethren of St. George's in good condition and under able officers.

R. W. Bro. Allworth was filling the Master's chair for the twentieth time, and his energetic nature and love of Masonry were reflected upon all the members of the Lodge.

Sydenham, No. 255, Dresden: Visited June 14. Here they had their election of officers, and from the short time occupied in this part of the work I would judge that they had no difficulty in selecting good men to fill the chairs. The Lodge is in good condition and the work well done. The W. M. is a worker and his manner of conferring the work was excellent. R. W. Bro. Carscallen, of Dresden, and R. W. Bro. Nixon, of Toronto, were present, and took part in the discussions. This Lodge has a high standard of efficiency, and the members are socially "jolly good fellows."

Pnyx, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited June 15. As this was not a regular meeting the attendance was small. The W. M. has left, and the working of this Lodge is sadly interfered with. The members present were mostly Past Masters, and as there was no degree work we devoted the time to discussing the best means of getting the Lodge into good working shape. The Secretary, Bro. Parker, is a whole host, and devoted to Masonry, so I trust Pnyx will soon have a prosperous period.

Parthenon, No. 267: Visited June 22nd. This Lodge had election of officers, and I am led to believe that those chosen are well fitted for the work. R. W. Bro. MacNabb was present, and the Lodge shows the result of his guiding hand. The work is well done, and although it is not plentiful I trust in the near future to hear of a prosperity fitting the ability of this Lodge to perform the work.

The Hammond, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited June 25th. As this is my own Lodge I installed the officers, and, knowing them as I do, I believe the work will be well done. Although few in number, we are strong in Masonry.

McColl, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited July 13th. A good number of the brethren were present, and, although no degree work was done, I feel satisfied that the W. M. and his officers are able to do the work in a satisfactory manner. The Lodge is in good working condition. Owing to sudden and serious illness of a

brother here whom I waited upon professionally. I was compelled to cancel my engagements with the following Lodges and hence did not visit them, viz.: Thistle, No. 34, Amherstburg; Florence, No. 390, Florence; Parvaim, No. 395, Comber; Naphtali, No. 413, Tilbury. Of those Lodges, I may say that I received good reports of their work, and believe them up to the standard. Florence Lodge has been enjoying a prosperous year and has advanced materially during the past two years.

I find great uniformity in the main points of the work, but there is still room for improvement in the manner in which the junior officers perform their duties. There is a tendency to laxity and want of energy, and this should be considered and corrected by the W. M.'s and P. M.'s. I find that where the Past Masters take an active interest in their Lodges that the work is of a higher order than where they drop out as soon as they are through the several chairs. This is as it ought to be, and I believe the duties of Past Masters should be carried out faithfully, and by this means the officers of a lodge can be brought to a higher state of perfection in the performance of their work.

I am also surprised to find so many members in arrears and such large amounts in some of the lodges. The by-laws of the lodges afford a remedy for this, and it cannot be excused upon the plea of making it a hardship to carry out those by-laws. I trust my successor will not have this to complain of, for no institution can succeed if its financial affairs are not properly managed.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

J. T. McKILLOP, D. D. G. M.,

Erie District, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & M. A. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No 1, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degree's conf'd			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
41	St. George's	Kingsville.....	90	9	1	9	10	12	1	1	1	1	13	750	.....	.....	38	\$ 299 80	Dec. '99	Improv'd	Fair.	Yes	\$1,800	
34	Thistle.....	Annersburg.....	60	3	5	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	11	314	24	\$20 00	50	284 05	Mar. '1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,400
45	Wellington	Chatham.....	136	2	5	5	5	5	4	2	4	1	1	13	30	43	76 0	20	250 00	July 5 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
47	G. E. West'n	Windsor.....	185	25	26	28	20	4	2	2	4	1	1	13	30	43	40	1	60 65	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300
245	Tecumseh.	Thamesville ..	51	4	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	12	12	13	13	13	1	4	27 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	400
25	Sydenham.	Dresden.....	51	0	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	12	12	17	17	17	26 90	4	217 00	Dec. '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	1,000
274	Parthenon.	Chatham.....	57	1	2	3	3	1	3	5	1	12	12	13	13	13	15	15	87 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	400
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	60	6	10	5	6	3	1	3	5	1	1	14	6	20	15	10	414 24	June, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	200
182	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	46	3	3	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	14	15	.....	54	414 24	June, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400
293	Leamington	Leamington.....	106	1	6	5	3	1	3	3	14	3	3	3	17	18	29 50	54	414 24	June, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400
312	Phyx.....	Wallaceburg...	75	0	9	1	1	1	12	1	21	11	1	4	15	20	.....	4	60 75	July, 1900	Good.	Good.	No	500
37	The Ham'd	Wardsville.....	25	4	4	3	2	3	1	3	1	1	10	3	13	12	6 50	4	60 75	July, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	300
236	Higheate	Highgate.....	56	6	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	13	13	13	23	170 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good.	Good.	No	500
387	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	41	1	1	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	12	13	15	50 00	1	28 50	Jan. 1, 1900	Good.	Fair.	No	500
390	Florence	Florence.....	25	2	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	9	9	15 00	3	29 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	125
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	63	5	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13	1	14	16	5 00	14	156 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	350
395	Parvaim	Comber.....	59	7	6	4	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	10	6	15	10 00	7	116 00	June, 1900	Good.	Bright.	Yes	500	
402	Central.....	Essex Centre...	59	7	6	4	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	10	10	9	.....	.....	.....	130 00	Dec. '99	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	200
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	30	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	10	9	.....	.....	.....	73 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	30	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	11	9	13	13	14 00	12	73 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500
413	Naphtali...	Tilbury.....	19	2	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	13	13	.....	5	40 00	July 1, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	210
422	S. of the E.	Bothwell.....	45	7	7	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	4	15	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good.	Good.	Yes	210

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor herewith to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2, for the year ending 24th June, 1900. And in doing so I take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of this district for the honor they conferred on me by electing me by an unanimous vote to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master. And further, for the kind and courteous manner in which they received and treated me during my term of office.

On my official visit to each Lodge I was received in a true Masonic manner, and my stay with them was made as pleasant as it was possible to be, and I might also say to the credit of the Lodges of this district that in every case my expenses were cheerfully paid.

My first official act was the appointment of Wor. Bro. Neil McLean, P. M. of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, as District Secretary, and who I wish here to thank for his able assistance. He accompanied me on many of my visits and helped me in my duties with cheerfulness and zeal.

I also appointed Rev. Bro. T. C. Cluff, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, District Chaplain. He preached to the brethren in Petrolea on June 24th, 1900, one of the best Masonic sermons I ever had the pleasure of listening to.

I have visited all the Lodges in the district once and some of them twice, except Ionic Lodge No. 328. This Lodge has not been doing anything for some time. My predecessor thought the warrant should be removed. I will leave the matter for Grand Lodge to deal with as in their wisdom they may see fit. I arranged my visits so that they would fall on the nights of the regular

meetings of the Lodges, giving each Lodge due notice. I have tried to correct any errors that existed in any of the lodges and impressed upon them their duty as Masons and the high importance of Masonry, which I am pleased to say was well received. Masonry in this district is in a prosperous condition, and harmony prevails to a great degree. Most of the Lodges have had a fair amount of work to do, and the manner in which the degrees are conferred and the general business conducted is on the whole entirely satisfactory.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. B. Batchelor and Bro. John Detweler, Arkona Lodge, No. 307; Bro. Henry Brown, Alexandra Lodge, No. 158; Bro. Charles L. Vail, M. D., Victoria Lodge, No. 56; Bro. George Leslie, Moore Lodge, N. 294, and Bro. Robert F. Manley, Cassia Lodge, No. 116.

I granted dispensations to attend Divine Service clothed as Masons as follows: Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, Dec. 17th, 1899; Washington Lodge, No. 260, June 24th, 1900; Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, July 15th, 1900.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, at Oil Springs, on the afternoon and evening of February 1st, 1900. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Hart, of Burus Lodge, No. 153, assisted by the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260. The second degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Belasco, W. M. of Washington Lodge, assisted by his officers. The work of each degree was well done and called for a good deal of credit to each officer which they received from the brethren.

In the evening the third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Parks, I. P. M. of Alexander Lodge, assisted by the officers of the Lodge, and the work was done very correctly. A good deal of friendly discussion took place on different questions, which was very profitable to us all. R. Wor. Bro. Ben George, on behalf of the brethren of St. Clair District, presented my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Weir, with a beautiful P. D. D. G. M.'s regalia. Bro. Weir thanked the brethren of the district for their kindness to him. Our number was not large on account of the condition of the roads and very cold weather. However, a most enjoyable and profitable

time was spent, and I thank the brethren who so ably assisted me with the work.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea: By a special request from the W. M., I visited this Lodge Oct. 4th, 1899. Two candidates were passed to the second degree—one by the W. M., Bro. Belasco, and the officers of the lodge, the other by Wor. Bro. Parks, assisted by the officers of Alexandra Lodge. Wor. Bro. Belasco and Wor. Bro. Parks are correct workers and very enthusiastic Masons. The work of the officers was well done. A very large number of members and visitors were present. I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 7. The work of the evening was a candidate for initiation, also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. This is a very prosperous Lodge. The W. M. and officers are all good workers and take quite an interest in their Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting R. Wor. Bro. Sinclair and several Past Masters at this meeting, and we also had a very large turnout of the members and visitors. At the close of the meeting a most enjoyable time was spent around the festive board.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Visited this Lodge Oct. 9th, 1899. There was a very fair attendance of members. The S. W. and S. D. were absent. The work of the evening was a candidate for initiation; also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The work was fairly well done by the Wor. M., Bro. McKenzie. The officers also did fairly well. The books are well kept by R. W. Bro. George. Dues fairly paid. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Weir, also a number of brethren from Victoria Lodge. The brethren of Bismarck Lodge are worthy of a good deal of credit for the manner in which they keep up in the work; also having their Lodge in good standing, considering that most of their members are railway men, and it is impossible for them to attend lodge regularly. A pleasant hour was spent around the festive board after the Lodge closed.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier. I wrote the W. M. of this Lodge, Bro. Toohill, after I was elected D.D.G.M. Told him I was sorry to see that they were not getting along well in Ionic, and I would do all in my power to assist in any way I could, if they would try and have a meeting and let me know. He thanked me, but I re-

ceived no word of a meeting. They have had only two or three meetings a year for the last few years. I understand some of the members are trying to get the Lodge in shape again.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: Visited this Lodge Oct. 17th. I found a very good attendance of members and visitors. Two candidates were balloted for. Both were declared elected by the W. M., and one application was received. There was one candidate initiated by the W. M., assisted by his officers. The work was done in a very creditable manner, considering it was the first work the W. M. and officers had during their term of office. Wor. Bro. Roebuck gave the lecture, and it is needless to say it was well done. The W. M. opened and closed in the second and third degrees fairly well; all that is needed is a little more practice. Bro. Cowan is a first-class Secretary. He is trying to get in the dues, which have not been well paid in the past. Wor. Bro. Finlay accompanied me from Courtright. He takes quite an interest in Masonry. After the Lodge closed refreshments were served and a pleasant time spent by the members and visitors.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this Lodge Oct. 18th. A very large number of members and visitors were present. Visitors were from Alexandria, Washington, Petrolea and Moore Lodges. Work—a raising by the W. M., assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The work was very well done; also opened and closed correctly. I was pleased to hear the candidate answer the necessary questions so satisfactorily. I have tried to impress upon the W. M.'s the necessity of having candidates well posted before they are advanced; also that they should be able to repeat their obligation. R. W. Bro. Ward was present as usual. Some discussion on the work took place, which was very profitable. At the close of the meeting we were invited to the hotel, where supper was prepared, after which speeches, music and songs took place, and brought to a close a very happy meeting. Dues fairly paid and the books well kept.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges: Nov. 14th, 1899, accompanied from Strathroy by R. Wor. Bro. Whitehead, I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting. The Lodge room is very neat and comfortable. They

own the building and keep it well insured. Bro. West keeps the books in good shape. The W. M. and Secretary are trying to get in suspended members. There was a candidate for the third degree, but as he had not time to get the questions he was left until the next meeting. The W. M., assisted by his officers, opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The dues are well paid. Quite a number of Past Masters were present, also a good attendance of members. The J. W. invited us to the hotel, where we spent an enjoyable time at the refreshment table.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: I visited this Lodge Nov. 16th. Found a very neat Lodge room, newly decorated, everything clean and in good order. Had no work for this meeting, but at my request the W. M. exemplified the first degree, assisted by his officers. Opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The work was fairly well done. They had no practice for some time. I am satisfied that the material is all right, and with a little more practice they can do the work correctly. A very large number of visitors were present from the American side (St. Clair); also from Sombra and Bridgen, a very good attendance of members were present. The books are in good shape, kept by Bro. Scott, M. D., who is a whole host in himself. After the Lodge was closed refreshments were served in the Lodge room, and a social hour spent by the members and visitors.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I visited this Lodge Nov. 23rd, 1899. We had a very large number of visitors from Washington, Petrolea, Victoria, Leopold and Alvinston Lodges. A special train was run from Petrolea to Oil Springs for the accommodation of the visiting brethren. A large number of members were also present. Two candidates were raised to the third degree, both being well posted in the questions. The work was conferred by Wor. Bro. Belasco and officers of Washington Lodge, and by the W. M., Bro. Parks, assisted by his officers. The work of each officer was well done, leaving no room for criticism. Wor. Bro. Parks takes quite an interest in his Lodge. This Lodge has been very prosperous. The dues are well paid and the books well kept by Wor. Bro. Chalmers. Bro. Beeton and Bro. Duggan look after the lodge well.

An adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where an elaborate supper was prepared by the wives and lady friends of the members. A most enjoyable time was spent in speeches and songs, which lasted until 2 a.m., the brethren returning home well pleased with their visit to Alexandra Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: Visited this Lodge Jan. 2, 1900. It was the first meeting for the W. M., Bro. Hall, and his officers in their respective chairs. They opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The material is all right. The officers are all enthusiastic, and with a little practice they will be second to none in the district. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. They have had a good year. Bro. Watson is a first-class Secretary. The first degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Wood in a very correct and impressive manner. This is the home of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Weir, and it is needless to say that he takes quite and interest in his Lodge. A large number of members and visitors were present. The visitors were entertained at the close of the proceedings in a manner worthy of the Victoria brethren.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: Visited this Lodge Jan. 9th. There was a fair attendance of the members. They had no work for this meeting, but at my request the W. M., Bro. Harris, assisted by the officers of the Lodge, exemplified the second degree. The work was fairly well done. The officers are in need of practice. I advised them to practice more at their regular meetings, which if they do I am satisfied the W. M. and officers can do good work. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Newell and Wor. Bro. Saunders, both enthusiastic Masons. Bro. Watt is an efficient Secretary and keeps his books in perfect order. I hope this Lodge will have more work to do in the near future. After the Lodge was closed we were invited to Bro. Taylor's hotel, where an oyster supper was prepared for us and a social time spent by the brethren.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this Lodge Jan. 10th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. McLean. It was the first meeting for the W. M., Bro. Fraser, and the officers in their respective chairs. I found a very neat and comfortable Lodge room, and a good attendance of members and visitors. I had the pleasure of meeting

R. W. Bro. Sutherland. The W. M., ably assisted by the officers of the Lodge, opened and closed in the three degrees in an almost faultless manner, and I feel satisfied that when they have a degree to confer it will be done correctly. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Campbell, and the dues fairly collected. After the work of the evening was ended we retired to Bro. Davis' hotel, where a most enjoyable time was spent around the festive board.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I visited this Lodge Jan. 15th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. McLean. The evening was very stormy, and most of the members live in the country, so the attendance was small. It was installation of officers, R. W. Bro. Sutherland installing Master. It is needless to say the work was well done. The officers did their work in closing very satisfactorily, especially the J. W., who is a very young Mason. R. W. Bro. Holwell was present, as usual, also Wor. Bro. Curry. Both take quite an interest in the affairs of Cassia Lodge. R. W. Bro. Sutherland was elected Secretary, and the books and dues will be well looked after. A social hour was enjoyed by the Brethren at an oyster supper at Bro. Holwell's hotel.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge Jan. 17th, 1900. A very large number of visitors and members were present. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and has a good staff of officers. The part they took in the work was well done. The newly-installed Master closed the Lodge in the three degrees very correctly. Visited this Lodge officially March 21st. The work of the evening was one initiation and two candidates for the second degree. Bro. Kidd, the W. M., did his part well; also the Wardens and Deacons. The lectures were well given by the Wardens. This Lodge has had a good deal of work to do during the year. Wr. Bro. Winlow, it is needless to say, is a first-class Secretary. We also had a large turnout of members and visitors at this meeting. The candidates for advancement were well posted on the questions. At the close of the meeting a most enjoyable time was spent around the festive board, and brought a happy meeting of the members of Tuscan Lodge and visitors to a close.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: Visited this Lodge

Jan. 19th. Two candidates were passed to the second degree—one by the W. M., Bro. Atkinson, and the officers of the Lodge, the other by Wor. Bro. McBeath, assisted by the same officers. The work throughout was well done by each officer, especially the S. D., who is the best I have had the pleasure of meeting with, his work, was almost perfection. This Lodge has had a most prosperous year and its prospects are bright. A number of Past Masters were present; also a large number of visitors and members. R. W. Bro. Whitehead and V. W. Bro. Mallon were in their usual places, keeping an eye to the business of the Lodge. It was in this Lodge I first saw the light of Masonry. Wor. Pro. Richardson looks after the books well. At the close refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: Visited this Lodge Feb. 14th. I arrived in Longwood at 3 p. m., and was entertained by Bro. Sussex, W. M. of Dufferin Lodge. He drove me over to Melbourne and back. We found a fair attendance of members and visitors. Most of the members live in the country, and they have a habit of getting to lodge very late. I advised them to change their hour of meeting and try and open on time. They had no work, but at my request the W. M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, but there is room for improvement and need a good deal of practice. I also advised them to visit other Lodges as much as possible. Bro. Cooper, the secretary, was absent, but on examination of the books I found them fairly well kept. After the Lodge closed the visitors were entertained at the hotel.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: Visited this Lodge March 14th. I found a very comfortable and well furnished Lodge room. This Lodge has had a very prosperous year; the officers are very enthusiastic and are a credit to the Lodge. A large number of members and visitors were present. The work of the evening was a first, second and third degree, which were all conferred by the W. M., Bro. Martyn, and he was ably assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The work of each degree was done in a faultless manner. This Lodge has had a very prosperous year, and its prospects are bright. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro.

Code. At the close a social hour was spent around the festive board.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge Dec. 27, 1899. A fair number of members were present. I visited this Lodge officially March 15th. The work of the evening was a second and third degree. The second degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. McLean, assisted by the officers of the Lodge, and the third degree was conferred by the W. M., Bro. Brodie, assisted by his officers. Both degrees were conferred in a very impressive and correct manner. Each officer did his part well. The candidates were well posted, both in the necessary questions and in their obligations, which they repeated without a mistake. This Lodge is improving every year and its prospects are good. R. W. Bro. Harvey was in his usual place. He is seldom absent. V. W. Bro. Wilson is a good Secretary and looks after the books well. A good attendance of members were present. After the Lodge closed the wants of the inner man were attended to by the J. W., and all enjoyed a social hour.

Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea: I visited this Lodge April 7th.. A very large number of members and visitors were present. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hungerford, Deputy Grand Master, also R. W. Bro. Sinclair, and several Past Masters. The work for the evening was a candidate to be raised to the third degree. Bro. McCann, the W. M., is a very correct worker; also the officers. The degree was conferred in a very impressive manner; also the opening and closing were done correctly. The J. W. of Washington Lodge and the S. W. of Petrolea Lodge gave the lectures of the tracing board in the first and second degrees, illustrated by stereopticon views, which were very much enjoyed by the brethren. Bro. Smith is an efficient Secretary. The books are well kept. After the Lodge was closed a banquet followed, which certainly reflected great credit on the brethren of Petrolea Lodge, and on Bro. Denham as a caterer. We had speeches and songs from several of the visitors and members, and an address from R. W. Bro. Hungerford, which we all enjoyed, and a happy meeting was brought to a close.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Visited this Lodge April 12th. No regular work was on for the evening,

but at my request the W. M., Bro. Towns, assisted by the officers of the Lodge, exemplified the third degree. The work was fairly well done. They have had very little practice during the year. I am satisfied the material is all right, and I hope they will have more work to do in the near future. They had a fair attendance of members. Bro. Nelson, the Secretary, was absent, but I found the books in first-class order. Several P.M.'s were present, who take quite an interest in the Lodge. At the close of the meeting we were entertained at the festive board and a pleasant hour enjoyed.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge, Dec. 27th, 1899, in the afternoon, when we had a vrey good attendance of members. I visited this Lodge officially on May 9th, 1900. A candidate was passed to the second degree by the W. M., Bro. Trusler. All the officers were present, and the work throughout was done in a very satisfactory manner; also opened and closed in the third degree. This Lodge has done considerable work during the year, and its prospects are bright, and the dues are fairly paid, and the books are well kept by Wor. Bro. Trusler. After the Lodge closed we were entertained at the hotel, where a pleasant time was enjoyed by the Brethren of Huron Lodge.

I could not close this report without tendering to the Secretaries my sincere thanks for the prompt and excellent manner they have discharged their duties.

In conclusion, I wish to again tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of St. Clair district for their many acts of kindness, and for the pains they have taken to make my visits among them as pleasant as possible.

All of which is fraternally submitted

R. COGHLAN, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2 from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Men- bership. conf'd	Degree's conf'd			Abili- tations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.											
56	Victoria	Sarnia	105	14	17	14	16	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	11	11	25	23	\$33.50	7	\$85	75	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$1,000
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	54	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	17	20	10.00	8	20	00	May 26, 1900	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1,500	
83	Beaver	Stratford	95	5	4	10	10	3	3	3	1	1	1	13	13	215	30	.....	12	200	00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Excellent	Yes	1,000	
116	Cassia	Theftord	33	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	17	5.00	5	10	00	June, 1900	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1,000	
153	Burns	Wyoming	73	6	3	5	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	14	14	15	17	17	10.00	5	105	75	June 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,200
178	Alexandra	Oil Springs	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	16	17	5.00	5	20	00	June 24	Good.	Good.	No	500
191	Petrolia	Petrolia	81	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	13	13	20	10.00	14	30	00	June, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300	
231	Havelock	Watford	58	5	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	13	13	16	21	24	20	10.00	9	30	00	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	250
260	Washington	Petrolia	79	8	5	8	8	1	1	2	3	1	2	13	13	13	14	13	31	00	1	32	00	June 22, '99	Good.	Improvg	Yes	400
283	Forest	Forest	68	5	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	22	6.00	2	54	50	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	250
294	Moore	Courtright	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	212	15	.....	28	118	92	June 24, '99	Good.	Favorable	Yes	500
307	Arkona	Arkona	30	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	.....	13	63	00	June 24, '90	Good.	Dull.	No	Yes
324	Alvinston	Alvinston	58	9	2	6	6	5	.....	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	15	5.00	7	103	00	Jan. 5, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes
328	Ionie	Napier	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	17	14	.....	17	134	00	Dec.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	56	6	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	13	11	15	10.00	20	75	00	Dec.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	
392	Huron	Cambridge	47	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	15	10.00	11	135	00	Dec.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	
397	Leopold	Bruden	72	5	5	5	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	28	00	1	123	00	Dec.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300
419	Bismarek	Pt. Edward	43	5	5	5	4	4	.....	1	1	1	1	9	4	13	30	50	00	10	123	00	June 22, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Fully covered
425	St. Clair	Sombra	72	5	5	5	4	4	.....	1	1	1	1	9	4	13	30	50	00	10	123	00	June 22, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Fully covered
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	61	14	13	9	8	1	11	1	1	1	1	9	4	13	30	50	00	10	123	00	June 22, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Fully covered	

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I submit a report of my stewardship as District Deputy Grand Master of this district for the current year. My first official act was to direct a circular under my signature to be issued and forwarded to every lodge in the district calling the attention of the brethren to the earnest request of the M. W. the Grand Master to bring back to the fold those that have demitted and are not in affiliation, and also to investigate the position of those who have become suspended for non-payment of dues. I am pleased to say that the result of this movement has been very satisfactory, and I heartily recommend a continuation of the efforts of my brethren in this district.

I am delighted to record that the condition of Masonry has never been so good as at the present time; it has been my privilege and pleasure to accompany some of my predecessors in office on many of their official visits, and I am in a position to assure you that the work is nearing perfection. I have carefully noted the marked increase in the rendition of the authorized work. In only two of the Lodges in this district did I observe that the present work was not followed throughout. In both instances I pointed out the errors and directed the brethren who made them what to do in future. With these exceptions uniformity in the work prevails throughout the district. I am of the opinion that the uniform accuracy of the rendition of the work can be assigned largely to the visiting of officers and brethren to their neighboring Lodges. I am certain that more good comes of this practice than the holding of Lodges of Instruction.

During my visits I paid special attention to impress

officers of Lodges to do the work carefully, accurately and impressively. The first impressions of a candidate are generally lasting. Too many are rushed to the chairs before they are fit, and the result is carelessness and inattention to the important part of the work.

During the year I visited every Lodge in the district at least once, and many of them twice, and in no case did I ever disappoint a Lodge. I gave each Lodge due notice of my intended visit, and was always welcomed by a large number of visitors, as well as members of the Lodges visited. On the occasions of my visits the Lodges seemed to vie with each other in the lavishness of their hospitality on myself and the visiting brethren. In almost every case the Lodge on my official visits contributed to my expenses.

Assisted by V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle, I installed the officers of Corinthian Lodge 330 on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; and assisted by V. W. Bro. Bridle and V. W. Bro. P. Toll, Wor. Bros. Metherell, Symmonds, Childs and Blanchard, I installed the officers of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

It has been intimated to me that the officers of two lodges in the district have been installed and invested at a time not fixed by their by-laws without permission of the M. W. the Grand Master. I regret very much that the Lodges in question did not procure the proper authority before doing what I consider a very improper thing.

Dispensations have been granted to Middlesex, No. 379; St. Thomas, No. 44; St. David's, No. 302; Henderson, No. 388; Cameron, No. 232; Merrill, No. 344, and St. John's, No. 20, to appear clothed as Masons in attendance on Divine Service and to King Solomon, No. 378, to move their Lodge from West London to the City of London.

I have been notified of the death of ten brethren, but I regret not to be able to report their names with the exception of the following:

R. W. Bro. McKay, P. D. D. G. M., St. Thomas, No. 44; Wor. Bro. A. Griffith, Mt. Olivet, No. 300, and Bros. Smith and Maddon, of King Solomon, No. 378.

As you are all aware, the home of six Lodges of London Masons was destroyed by fire in February this year.

It is needless to say that the loss to our brethren in London was great. Many valuable Masonic relics and records were destroyed which can never be replaced. Besides these there was a severe financial loss. The result has been a great drawback to the progress of Masonry in London this year.

I have every confidence, however, that our brethren will unite and procure a suitable Lodge room for the several Lodges in London.

By authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, I healed Bro. VanPatter, a member of the so-called Ontario Masons in Malahide Lodge, No. 140, at Aylmer, on April 11th, 1900, who forthwith put in his application for affiliation in said Lodge, and, I am pleased to say, was duly accepted.

Delaware Valley, No. 358: Visited 12th January, 1900, accompanied by V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle, of 380; V. W. Bro. Peter Toll, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330; Bro. Davidson, of 380; Wor. Bro. Blanchard, of 330, and Bro. Mailhouse, of Chicago, Ill; Wor. Bro. Galpin, of 378, and Wor. Bro. Wallace, of Nilestown. There were also about forty other visitors from surrounding Lodges. Went out to instal officers, but as they had not secured the necessary dispensation I refused to instal them. Wor. M. Finch and officers then conferred the sublime degree of M. M. on Bro. Bodkin. The work was fairly done. The Wardens, however, did their parts very well. As there is very little work to do, and the officers are scattered around greatly, it is very difficult to have a rehearsal, which largely accounts for the deficiency in work. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. W. C. Harris at his Mother Lodge. The prospects are only fair. The books are well kept and dues pretty well paid up.

Prince of Wales, No. 171, Lawrence Station: Visited this Lodge 19th January, 1900, accompanied by Wor. Bro. S. Grant, Union 380. There were also many other visitors, including Wor. Bro. Dr. Guest and Wor. Bro. George Norman. There were not as many of their own members as I would like to have seen. Wor. Bro. Weldon, the W. M., initiated his own son in a very correct and impressive manner. The W. M., assisted by Wor. Bro. McIntyre, conferred the third degree on Bro. Campbell, in a very correct and impressive manner. The

sub-officers were not so good, but with the instruction I gave them will no doubt do better. Prospects very good. Books neatly kept. Dues well paid up.

Kilwinning, No. 64: Visited this Lodge on May 24, 1900. All the officers were in their places except the W. M., Wor. Bro. Murray, who was unavoidably absent. His business is of such a nature that he has to leave almost any time without much notice. The chair, however, was very ably filled by Wor. Bro. Walter Morgan, P. M. As this was the anniversary of the birth of our Queen, and the weather very warm, no work was performed. There was, however, work to be done in the second and third degrees. The Lodge was ~~closed~~ and closed in the three degrees. The work was fairly well done. The officers appear to be very well up. This is one of the strongest Lodges in the district. There are a great many enthusiastic P. M.'s in this Lodge who take a deep interest in it. The Lodge suffered in the recent fire very much more than the others in the city owing to having all their books destroyed. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. John Overell, is using every endeavor to have as much as possible of the books rewritten. He has been Secretary of this Lodge for many years and is an old and tried officer, efficient and capable. There was an abrupt termination of the Lodge after the closing of the second degree by an alarm of fire. The building in which the meeting was being held was found to be burning. The members, however, remained calm and composed until the Lodge was duly closed. The majority, however, remained until the fire was put out. A very pleasant time was spent. Prospects are very bright for this Lodge. I was pleased to find that this Lodge has been very liberal in donations for charitable purposes.

Malahide, No. 140: Visited Malahide Lodge, No. 140, 11th April. Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Esserv, Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. Thomas Chrysler, Junior Warden of Union Lodge, 380. There was a good attendance, including R. W. Bro. W. D. Rutherford, P. D. D. G. M., whom I was delighted to meet. All the officers were in their places. Wor. Bro. Cascaden, W. M., conferred the first degree on one candidate, in a very creditable manner. There was not much room for criticism. This Lodge is known throughout the district

for its work. It is the finest furnished Blue Room in the district; the equipments of the Lodge room and ante rooms are of the very best. Prospects for the Lodge are bright; the dues are well paid up; harmony prevails and the members are all enthusiastic. The hospitality of the members of this Lodge is unbounded. The books are neat and well kept by Wor. Bro. Burdick.

St. John's No. 209a: Visited this Lodge April 20th, 1900. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from outside places, as well as from the City Lodges. The W. M. was unavoidably absent, also the J. D. and Master of Ceremonies. All the others were, however, in their places. The third degree was conferred upon one candidate by Wor. Bro. A. W. White, the I. P. M., as I could judge, in a very impressive and correct manner, but owing to the recent disastrous fire the work could not be as well put on as would have been the case had the Lodge its paraphernalia, and done in a larger room. The number of members is 189; the amount of arrears is \$278.25. This is the largest Lodge in the district. All the members appear to be enthusiastic. Wor. Bro. Rowat is a very efficient and capable Secretary. The books are well kept and in good order. Prospects good.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo Village: This Lodge was visited by me on 12th April, 1900. I was accompanied by Wor. Bros. N. McNeill, Stephen Grant and Bro. Noble, of Union Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Wallace, of Nilestown; Bro. Cox, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64. Wor. Bro. (Rev.) Lindsay, W. M., and his officers were in their places, except the S. D. and I. G. As there was no work on I requested the W. M. to open and close the Lodge in the several degrees, which was very well done. The W. M. has his work well up. There were more questions asked me officially in this Lodge than any Lodge I have visited yet. The W. M. is leaving the locality, which is very much regretted by all the members. He is an earnest and enthusiastic Mason. Prospects are only fair, no work having been done for over a year. Wor. Bro. Dr. Graham makes a very good Secretary. The books are very neat. Not many of the members are in arrears.

Bryanston, No. 379: Visited officially, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Essery; Wor. Bro. Galpin, of 378, and

Wor. Bro. Grant, of Union 380. There were also present a large number of visitors from neighboring lodges. The W. M. and all subordinate officers were in their places. As there was no work on, the W. M. opened in the three degrees, which was very well done. There was no room for criticism. I have visited the Lodge on three or four different occasions previously but not officially, and I am delighted to notice the marked progress made by the officers. This is a small Lodge and the members live many miles away. In this Lodge, as well as many other rural lodges, there are made a number of Masons, but they move away, and consequently it is very hard to keep up a large membership. The prospects are only fair. Wor. Bro. Smibert is a very good Secretary, as far as keeping the books is concerned, but I find a good many members in arrears.

St. George, No. 42: Visited 6th December, 1899. Annual meeting and election of officers. A large number of visiting P. M.'s and brethren, including three P. D. D. G. M.'s. Thirty-seven members present; not one member a year in arrears, which reflects credit upon V. W. Bro. Ellis, the very efficient and painstaking Secretary. No work on, but the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The officers did the work very well, with the exception of the W. M., who appeared a little nervous. The prospects are fair. The W. M. promised to confer a degree on some future occasion for me.

King Solomon, No. 378: Visited this Lodge. There was a large number of visitors present. The attendance of members was good, as is usually the case. The W. M., Wor. Bro. John Kelly, was in his place, likewise all the other officers. There was a candidate ready to be initiated, but he was called away to attend some important business, so could not be there, consequently no work was done. However, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The subordinate officers have their work well up, but the W. M. appeared to be mixed in some parts. It may have been caused by reason of the presence of so many distinguished visitors. He is, however, a very enthusiastic Mason, looks well after the interests of the Lodge, and makes a good presiding officer. The Secretary, Wm. Nicholl, is a very fair officer. The dues are only fairly paid; a number of mem-

bers being in arrears. This Lodge is blessed with a large number of enthusiastic P. M.'s, who look after the interests of the Lodge. This is the Lodge to which R. W. Bro. John Simpson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, G. J. D., belong.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190: Visited this Lodgs, accompanied by fourteen Past Masters, Past Masters of the City Lodges. There was a good attendance of members, as well as a large number of visitors from surrounding Lodges. The present Master is R. Wor. Bro. Boyd, who was in his place. Some of the junior officers were absent. The first degree was conferred on one candidate, and was fairly well done. The W. M. has not entirely given up the use of the old work. Some of that intermingled with the present work caused more or less confusion. I recommend the discontinuance of this and a close adherence to the present authorized work of Grand Lodge, as it might have a very bad effect on the junior officers of the Lodge, and a bad object lesson to the younger members of the Lodge. R. Wor. Bro. Boyd has always proved himself to be a very enthusiastic Mason, and a close and regular attendant. This Lodge owns a very nice Lodge room, well furnished and insured. The prospects are good, peace and harmony prevailing. Dues are well paid up. Wor. Bro. McMillan makes an efficient and careful Secretary.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge May 11, accompanied by R.W.Bro. Simpson, V.W. Bro. E. T. Essery, G. J. D., V. W. Bro. John Hammond, Wor. Bro. A. C. McWhinney, Wor. Bro. Murray, and Bro. Ed. Flock. There was a very large number of members and visitors present. The first degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Ingram on one candidate. The work was well rendered; it was almost perfect. All the junior officers did their work in a very careful manner. The J. W. gave the lecture in a very impressive manner. I took pleasure in congratulating the W. M. and his officers on the way the work was done. The Lodge room and ante-rooms are well kept and furnished nicely, and insured, and compare with any in the district. The Secretary, Bro. Lewis, is a very enthusiastic Mason. The books are splendidly kept. The dues by his close attention are well paid. There are very few in arrears. Prospects are very encouraging.

Union Lodge, 380: Visited my mother lodge Feb. 12; was well received. All officers except the Inner Guard were in their places. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Hillier in a fair manner. The W. M. appeared somewhat nervous, which no doubt accounted for his few errors, as I believe him to have the work well up. The other officers supported the W. M. in a satisfactory manner. I had the honor of presenting the I. P. M. with a beautiful jewel, when he immediately presented me with a handsome umbrella, gold-mounted, the gift of some of my personal friends in the Lodge. Prospects good. The financial statement was presented in writing, which showed the Lodge to be financially in the best condition since its inception. The Lodge also is noted for being charitable, having paid out last year \$80 for its widows. Not very many in arrears for dues and the books well kept and in order by Bro. Ward, the worthy Secretary. There were a large number of visitors present.

Warren Lodge, 120, Fingal: Visited this lodge Feb. 13, accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. O. J. Bridle. Wor. Bro. Else and officers were in their places. There was no work on. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees in a perfect manner; no room for criticism. Attendance fair. Prospects fair. Members well paid up; books in good shape and well kept. Spent an exceedingly enjoyable evening with this Lodge. Arrangements were made to hold a concert; proceeds to go to the Patriotic Fund.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this Lodge Feb. 14, accompanied by V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle, Wor. Bro. Blanchard, Bro. Davidson, and Wor. Bro. Wallace, all of London. Wor. Bro. Balkwell and all junior officers in their places. There were a large number of visitors from surrounding Lodges and Erie District. The first degree was given by R. Wor. Bro. Cascaden on one candidate very impressively, but not correctly. W. M. Balkwell conferred the first degree on another candidate in a very correct and able manner. No fault could be found with his work. The majority of the other officers had their work very satisfactorily, and the rest with the instruction given, in the future will, no doubt, do better. Prospects are very good; no arrears.

Books are well kept by Bro. Kirkland, the efficient Secretary.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 04, Port Stanley: Visited this Lodge, March 13th, 1900, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Bridle and Bro. Tapp, of Munroe Lodge. The W. M. and S. W. were absent. The I. P. M., Wor. Bro. Farr, conferred the second degree with the officers in a very correct and impressive manner. The candidate was well posted. Prospects good. Was delighted to hear that this Lodge is out of debt, the first time in twenty-five years. Bro. Whiting is a first-class Secretary.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195: Visited this lodge, March 5th, 1900, with V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle and other visitors in the rooms of Corinthian Lodge. Wor. Bro. J. M. McWhinney, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. G. McWhinney and officers, exemplified the third degree in a very efficient manner to my satisfaction. The Lodge is prospering and prospects are good. R. Wor. Bro. Brodrick is a very efficient Secretary. Only \$40 in arrears for dues.

Visited Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville, and was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Bridle and Wor. Bros. Galpin and Wallace. There was a large number of members and visitors. No work on, but Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, which was done in a very correct manner. Found plenty of ability. Delighted to meet R. W. Bro. Boyd, of Belmont Lodge. Wor. Bro. O'Neil is a very good Secretary. Prospects good. Two applications in.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330: Visited 6th Feb., 1900. There was a great number of visitors present from Toronto, Petrolea, and other places. The third degree was conferred on two candidates by the W. M. and officers in a most efficient, correct and careful manner, assisted by Wor. Bro. Metherell. Every officer was in his place and filled it satisfactorily. Had the pleasure of presenting Wor. Bro. Blanchard, the I. P. M., with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. V. Wor. Bro. Simpson keeps the books in good order. Very many of the members are in arrears, but it is partly accounted for by some being soldiers in the Klondike. So many of the Past Masters are enthusiastic that the Lodge is bound to be prosperous.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Visited Feb. 8th, 1900, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Bridle and V. W. Bro. P. Toll and Wor. Bro. Galpin, and Wor. Bro. Wallace, London. There was no work. The first degree was exemplified in a very correct and impressive manner. I could not help but speak in the highest terms of the officers. This is the only Lodge where there is any discord, but I think that an amicable settlement will be made very soon. Prospects fair.

St. Paul's, No. 107, Lambeth: Visited this Lodge on Dec. 13th, 1899. There was a very large attendance of P. M.'s and members, besides fourteen visitors. First degree was conferred on one candidate. The work was well done and all the officers took their parts well. The lecture given was delivered by the J. W., Bro. Aaron, very satisfactorily. I congratulate the Lodge on having such an efficient staff of officers. The books are kept neatly by Bro. Poole, the valued Secretary, who looks well after dues. P. D. D. G. M. B. Burtch is a member of this Lodge; he is fifty years a Mason. P. M. V. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, Wor. Bros. McNeill, Norton, Wallace, Bennett and Oliver accompanied me.

St. Thomas, No. 44, St. Thomas: My first official visit was to this Lodge, Oct. 5th, 1899, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Bridle, of Union 380, and V. W. Bro. P. Toll, Wor. Bro. Metherall, Wor. Bro. Symonds and Wor. Bro. Blanchard and Bro. Childs, of Corinthian 330. All the officers were in their places and exemplified the third degree in a correct and very impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Hy. Roe, the W. M., is especially to be complimented upon the way he did the work; also Wor. Bro. Wickett, the I. P. M., who assisted him. The outlook of this Lodge is very bright. The attendance, I am assured, is large, and harmony prevails. The financial standing is good and very few of the members are in arrears. The books are kept in a very neat manner and R. Wor. Bro. Slater is an efficient Secretary. I had the pleasure of meeting R. Wor. Bro. Mooney, P. D. D. G. M., of Stratford; Bro. Robert Cotterell, Belleville; Wor. Bro. F. Guest, Sheddon, and twenty other visitors.

King Solomon, No. 394, Thamesford: Visited this Lodge Oct. 18th, 1899, accompanied by V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle and Bro. Davidson, of Union Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Wallace, and Bro. R. Reid, of Nilestown Lodge,

and Wor. Bros. Durand and Sharp, of Dorchester Lodges. All the officers were in their places except the J. W. and Secretary, who were absent by reason of sickness and death. The first degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Smith in a faultless manner. The members of the Lodge are to be congratulated upon such a painstaking and enthusiastic officer as the present W. M. This Lodge has a hall and furnishings fit for Masonic work second to none in the district; \$1500 insurance. Prospects fair; only two or three members in arrears. Eight P. M.'s of this Lodge were present.

Mt. Olivet, 300, Torndale: Visited this Lodge Oct. 17th, 1899, accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. G. McNee, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394; Wor. Bros. W. M. Ryan, Ed. Gardiner and the officers of Union Lodge, London. I was received cordially by Wor. Bro. Richard Fitzgerald. The officers of the Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. Richard Guest, conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. The W. M. and officers of Union Lodge conferred the third degree, for which they received the congratulations from the members of Mt. Olivet Lodge for their accurate and efficient work. There was a fair attendance. The finances are in good shape. The Lodge owns the hall and the adjoining lot and money in the bank at interest, and \$600 insurance on the building. Only one member in arrears. Wor. Bro. M. N. Wright is a very efficient and capable officer and deserves praise for his neat bookkeeping. Prospects are bright for this Lodge.

Henderson, No. 388, Ilderton: Visited on Nov. 13, 1899. Seventeen members were present. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Stephen Grant, Bro. J. B. Cox, of Kilwinning, No. 64, and a large number of visitors from Middlesex and Doric Lodges. The second degree was given one candidate by the W. M., Bro. Marun, in a very careful and creditable manner. All the officers were present. The S. W., Bro. Ironsides, gave the lecture of the first degree and the lecture in the second degree, both of which were rendered in a correct and impressive manner. A number of P. M.'s were present. Harmony prevails; prospects good. This is the Lodge P. D. D. G. M. Capt. T. E. Robson is a member of, but owing to previous engagement was not there. Was gratified to find the dues well paid up; only five 12 months in

arrears. Books neatly and well kept by Bro. Peter Bowey, the efficient Secretary.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown, Ont.: Visited this Lodge 14th Nov., 1899. There were twenty-seven members present, including eight P. M.'s. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Galpin, of 378; Bros. John Lawson, Davidson and Doe, of 380. I was heartily and enthusiastically received by the W. M. and members. There were also a large number of brethren from Belmont and Merrill Lodges, and 209a, London. There were no candidates present, but the W. M. exemplified the first degree on a substitute, and the Lodge took the form of a Lodge of Instruction, and criticisms and remarks were made as the work progressed, which was appreciated by the officers and members, as well as the visitors, and I think the evening was a very profitable one for all. The lecture was given by the J. W., Bro. Read, in a very able manner. The W. M. and the two Wardens appear to have the work well in hand. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the three degrees. The Lodge has an ideal Secretary in the person of Bro. McDougall. Dues are well paid up; only five twelve months in arrears. A happier and a more harmonious lot of brethren is not anywhere else to be found.

St. John's, No. 20: Visited this Lodge on June 12, 1900. This is the oldest, one of the strongest and the wealthiest in the district. There was a very large number of visitors present. Many were from the Military Camp, which was being held in London at this time. There were no less than six P. D. D. G. M.'s present. Wor. Bro. Bayly and his officers conferred the second degree, and as far as I could understand, in a very careful and impressive manner. Not being the regular work, I am not in a position to give a clear opinion on the rendition of it. This is one of the Lodges which Grand Lodge has permitted to do work outside the authorized work. The Lodge is prosperous, harmony prevails, and the officers appear to take a deep interest in its welfare. Dues fairly well paid up. Wor. Bro. (Col.) Dawson is a very careful and efficient Secretary.

In conclusion, I take the opportunity to place on record my obligation to the many brethren, not only of my own lodge, but throughout the district, who have accompanied me on my official visits, and for the kindness

and support which I have received from them. Wherever I have gone I was received with the greatest respect and consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. F MORRIS,

D. D. G. M. London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-hip con'd	Degre's	Total No. of all Mem.			Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of member.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
					Increased	during	year.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																	
20	St. John.....	London	166	5	4	4	2	4	1	2	10	1	14	11	30	\$50 00	20	\$200 00	Jan. 30, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.								
42	St. George.....	London	114	3	5	6	6	4	1	3	9	1	12	12	35	40 00	2	800 00	Dec. 31, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	None								
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	174	19	13	15	16	14	4	1	3	9	1	10	21	35	21	84 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	None								
61	Kilwinning.....	London	172	28	6	24	25	23	5	1	2	1	3	8	21	40	75 00	15	59 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.							
64	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	38	11	8	7	5	1	2	...	...	...	13	3	16	18	12	41 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	first					
107	St. Paul's.....	Leameth	56	5	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	15	45 00	8	18 75	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300			
120	Warren.....	Fingal	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11	62 02	5	32 00	July 1, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
140	Malabadi.....	Aylmer.....	87	10	4	6	3	3	4	...	...	...	12	3	15	25 00	3	32 00	June 24, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	100					
171	Pr. of Wales.....	Lawrence	37	10	8	7	6	3	4	3	8	...	13	13	15	...	8	18 00	June 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500								
190	Belmont.....	Belmont	31	4	4	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	12	12	10	54 20	4	475 00	June 2, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	200				
195	The Tuscan.....	London	70	7	2	7	6	6	...	...	...	...	11	11	15	57 40	72	42 00	Jan. 27, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000				
229a	St. John's.....	London	193	9	14	13	9	2	...	...	...	...	12	12	23	...	15	52 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	600				
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	33	7	7	7	6	2	9	2	...	...	8	1	9	10 00	15	6 00	June 24, '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1,000						
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	20 00	2	190 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	600
300	Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale	36	9	7	7	1	1	...	...	...	...	16	17	26	50 09	56	40 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500				
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas	102	8	5	5	5	2	...	...	...	...	13	13	25	50 00	14	...	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	400				
330	Corinthian.....	London	86	8	6	6	6	2	1	...	...	...	9	2	14	...	...	15 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Good.	Fair.	Yes	750			
334	Corrill.....	Dorchester	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11	...	...	35 00	.....	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300
345	Milestone.....	Milestone	26	2	4	9	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	20 00	7	80 00	June, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300				
358	Del. Valley.....	Delaware	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	11	30 00	15	50 00	Jan. 10, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300
378	King Sol'n.....	Bryanston	63	4	5	4	3	2	1	1	7	...	12	12	14	65 00	41	208 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300								
379	Middlesex.....	London	124	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	11	147 00	23	45 75	June, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,500
388	Henders'n.....	Hiderton	38	7	7	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	13	14	15 00	6	151 75	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300				
394	King Sol'n.....	Thamesford	60	3	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	...	13	13	18	...	23	55 40	Jan. 1, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	...								
399	Moffat.....	Harrietsville...	21	2	3	2	2	12	5	17	12	6	Good.	Good.	Yes	...

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report of South Huron District No. 4. I can assure you it has been a pleasing duty to act in the honorable position to which I was unanimously elected at Grand Lodge in the City of Ottawa last July. I desire to express my gratification for the honor conferred and for the pleasure I have enjoyed and the kindness and courtesy shown me during my official term. I have endeavored to perform the duties of that high office to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in the discharge of any of my Masonic duties, I ask the brethren to give me the benefit of their Masonic charity, as I have tried to do my best in the interest of the Craft in general and this district in particular.

I have visited each Lodge in the district once, and I have no hesitation in saying that the condition of Masonry in this district is a favorable one. Harmony prevails throughout the entire district. Not one complaint has been made during the year, for which I am very thankful.

During my term of office the following deaths have been reported to me, viz. :

R. W. Bro. R. H. Collins, P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron District, a member of Lebanon Forest, No. 133. Galt.

Robert Scott Dickson, Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich.

Malcolm M. Campbell, a member of Yondota Lodge, No. 572, Toledo, Ohio; buried with Masonic honors by the members of Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich.

I granted dispensations to Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell, to attend Divine Service as Masons on Sunday, June 24th, and to Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, for the same purpose.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensal: On the 28th of March, accompanied by a number of brethren from Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, I visited this Lodge. There was a large attendance of the members and a number of visitors from Exeter. The officers are very enthusiastic, and are infusing life and work in the Lodge which is bringing prosperity. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. A large amount of work has been done during the year, and the meetings are well attended. The hall is new, and during the past year has been neatly furnished. The work in hand was two initiations, which was well done by the W. M. and officers. Wor. Bro. Cook is a very impressive worker. Too much praise cannot be given to the W. M. of this Lodge for the high state of perfection to which he has brought the work. This Lodge has increased its membership during the year by twenty-one.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 13th of March and was received right royally by a good gathering of brethren. I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with R. W. Bro. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., and I am pleased to report that he has not lost interest in Masonry. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was done in a manner creditable to the officers. Wor. Bro. Roberts is a good worker, and is well supported by his officers. Bro. Hutchins is the right man in the right place. His books are a model of neatness.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: I visited this Lodge on the 20th of October and was hospitably received by the brethren, who are whole-souled Masons. This is one of the best Lodges in the district. The W. M., Wor. Bro. W. D. Fair, exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees in a faultless manner. Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon the officers of this lodge, as their work gave evidence of careful preparation. R. W. Bro. Dr. Shaw was present, and is a great help to the Lodge. The Secretary, W. P. Spalding, is a model officer.

Lebanon Forest, No. 133, Exeter: I visited this Lodge April 9. A large attendance of members were present; also a number of visiting brethren from Seaforth and Hensal. Everything went off in a delightful manner, to the credit of the W. M. and officers. The

membership is of the best, and the Lodge well officered from the W. M. down. Wor. Bro. Stewart raised a candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was excellent.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: I visited this Lodge April 9th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was a very small attendance. So far this year no active work has been done. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Tierney, exemplified the first degree in a splendid manner. I found all the officers capable of discharging their duties.

Morning Star, No. 309, Smith's Hill: I visited this Lodge on the 11th of June, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Beck, Wor. Bro. Tye and seven of the brethren from Maitland Lodge, Goderich, and was pleased to find such a good attendance, all the officers being present. Two candidates were initiated. Wor. Bro. Young is a credit to his Lodge, and by the continuance of the enthusiasm displayed by the officers this Lodge is bound to prosper. P. M. Wor. Bro. Munroe delivered the lecture in the South and the charge to the newly-initiated candidates in a manner that was appreciated by the brethren present. Morning Star is all right.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell: I visited this Lodge at a regular meeting in February. There was a good attendance of the brethren. The W. M. lives a distance of eleven miles from the Lodge, and drove through a blinding storm to be present to assist in doing honor to the representative of M. W. the Grand Master. This Lodge is in good condition, and I believe a great amount of credit is due to Wor. Bro. Elliot, one of Tudor's able Past Masters. Two candidates being balloted for and accepted, the W. M., Wor. Bro. Merryfield, conferred the E. A. degree on one candidate. While R. W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M., conferred the degree on Candidate No. 2, and both did the work in a very creditable manner. The W. M. is ably supported by a staff of first-class officers. Bro. Mooney, the S. W., delivered the lecture in the South in a very impressive manner. Bro. May, the Secretary, does his work well. After labor we repaired to the banqueting room, where a very pleasant hour was spent. My visit to Tudor was a pleasant one.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: I visited this Lodge

at the regular meeting in January. There was a very good turnout of the members and a large number of visitors from Hamburg. No work being on, I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees. The work was not done as well as I expected. This, I believe, was owing to sickness in the home of Wor. Bro. Heldman, who could not spare time to devote to Lodge work. This is the home of V. W. Bro. Hollaway, who is a very enthusiastic Mason and regular in his attendance at the stated meetings of the Lodge. The Secretary keeps his books in good order.

Stratford, No. 332, Stratford: I visited this Lodge on the 12th of March. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. A brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I was very much pleased with the perfect manner of the examination and the proof of the brother's proficiency in the former degrees. Wor. Bro. Cassels did the work in a remarkably able style, and to my gratification the Wardens and other officers proved themselves well skilled. A great aid to the impressiveness of the ceremony was the service rendered by the first-class choir of the lodge. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition, having increased its membership thirteen during the year. Stratford Lodge is very popular with the brethren throughout Ontario. The Secretary informs me that the average attendance of visitors during the year was 16. Since my official visit this Lodge celebrated the 25th anniversary. I regret very much that I was unable to be present on that occasion. The celebration, I understand, was a grand success in every respect.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan: On the 12th of April I made my official visit to this Lodge. There was no work, but the Lodge is in good condition and the members are very enthusiastic. The W. M., Wor. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by his officers, opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was not done as correctly as I expected to see it, and after pointing out the mistakes made I requested the officers to go over the work again, which they did in a most excellent manner. In speaking of Wor. Bro. Ferguson, I might add that he is a very enthusiastic Mason, and the Lodge cannot fail to prosper under his guidance. From him, as well as the members of the Lodge, I received every kindness and

attention. Bro. Matheson, the Secretary, does his work well.

New Dominion, No. 205, New Hamburg: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Ballantine, I visited this Lodge on Feb. 19th. There was a fair turnout of the brethren. This Lodge has some very enthusiastic Past Masters, and I must mention in particular Wor. Bro. Holley, who is present at every meeting. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Aylesworth, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District. Wor. Bro. Kerr conferred the E. A. degree on a candidate, the work being very well done. The Secretary's books are neatly kept. After the Lodge closed we repaired to the Queen's Hotel, where I was kindly entertained at the festive board by the brethren, whose hospitality is unbounded.

Tecumseh, No. 144, Stratford: I visited this Lodge on the 12th of May and was royally and enthusiastically received by the W. M. and brethren. There was a very large gathering on this occasion. The visitors included Worshipful and distinguished brethren from Toronto, Mitchell and other points, and the interchange of Masonic sentiment was entertaining, indeed. Wor. Bro. Malcolm, the W. M., is a skilled worker, and is held in high esteem by his brethren and fellows. The large turnout of P. M.'s convinced me that the W. M. had the hearty co-operation of all. R. W. Bro. Mooney, P. D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. J. Russell Stewart, Grand Junior Warden, are members of this Lodge, and the sterling worth of these brethren is appreciated by the members of Old Tecumseh. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was of a high order, and the Lodge is to be congratulated upon its staff of officers.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich: I visited this Lodge on March the 27th, at an emergency meeting, which they were kind enough to call for me. There was a very large attendance of the members and a number of visitors. On the dais were a number of distinguished and Worshipful brethren, so that I could not wonder the W. M. was a little nervous. Wor. Bro. Tye presides in the East, and is ably supported by a staff of first-class officers. A candidate was passed to the second degree, the work being very well done. After the closing a very pleasant hour was spent, and all separ-

ated, "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: I visited this Lodge on the 6th of March. A fair attendance of members were on hand, but not as many as I expected to see. I am pleased to be able to report that the work done by this Lodge was a decided improvement on last year. Wor. Bro. Constable worked a third degree. The work was very ably performed, and the Wardens and other officers did their work in a very creditable manner. While I found it necessary to make some kind criticism, I am pleased to say my remarks were received in a truly Masonic spirit. This Lodge will soon rank amongst the first-class Lodges in the district. Bro. Carman, the Secretary, is a first-class officer.

Britannia, No. 170, Seaforth: This being my Mother Lodge, I have had every opportunity of seeing the work and I feel a pardonable pride in the fact that I have been present at every meeting, with only one exception, since my initiation. I visited this Lodge officially on the 7th of May, and was tendered a very kind and enthusiastic reception by a large attendance of both members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. I was well satisfied with the work of Wor. Bro. Dodds and his officers and I can only reiterate what my predecessors have already said, that the work in this Lodge is well done. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, there being only one member twelve months in arrears.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the Lodges throughout the district for the uniform courtesy and fraternal feeling extended to me during my term of office, and I can assure them that the many pleasant and instructive hours spent with the brethren of South Huron District will be treasured up in my remembrance, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the year in which I held the office of D. D. G. M. of the district. And I trust that whoever my successor shall be, that the same kind consideration will be extended to him that I have received at their hands.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

I. H. REID,

D. D. G. M., South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & M. A. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No 4, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Total.	Regular.										Emergent.	Total.											
309	M'n'g Star	Smith's Hill....	57	9	1	2	8	9	...	2	6	...	0	0	13	3	16	18	\$31 00	4	4	\$ 150 00	June	18-9	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$1,000
305	New Dom.	New Hamburg	34	1	2	1	1	2	...	1	1	1	0	0	12	1	13	15	15 0	4	4	...	Feb.	'99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300
225	Irving	Lucan	50	2	3	1	3	4	1	3	2	2	0	0	2	13	3	16	12	2 00	17	65 00	Dec.	'99	Fair.	Yes	200	
154	Britannia	Seaforth	88	1	...	4	5	3	...	...	...	...	0	0	1	13	1	14	25	32 35	1	87 00	Dec.	'99	Good.	Excellent	Yes	500
170	Tudor	Mitchell	51	6	...	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	13	1	13	20	...	6	60 00	Feb.	'99	Good.	Bright.	No	300
133	Lab. Forest	Exeter	40	7	...	6	5	4	1	...	...	...	0	0	1	11	3	14	20	15 00	15	37 00	Dec.	'99	Good.	Excellent	Yes	450
144	Tecumseh.	Stratford.....	112	12	10	1	14	3	1	4	5	6	0	0	1	13	5	18	28	33 00	21	156 00	Dec.	'99	V Good	Excellent	Yes	1,500
73	St. James	St. Mary's	66	1	5	2	...	2	...	1	3	2	0	0	0	11	1	11	13	10 00	15	71 43	June,	'99	Good.	Enc'ging	Yes	300
332	Stratford...	Stratford.....	152	13	...	13	16	13	1	...	2	1	0	0	1	13	9	22	26	...	...	...	Dec.	'99	Good.	Good.	Yes	...
233	Doric	Parkhill	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	12	1	12	15	10 00	5	25 70	Dec.	'99	Good.	Good.	Yes	100
234	Yuric	Hensal	44	1	1	19	17	7	2	2	...	...	0	0	12	7	19	25	25 00	2	10 50	Jan.	'99	Good.	V Good	Yes	600	
33	Maitland	Goderich	118	8	...	6	5	2	2	...	...	...	0	0	3	11	8	19	33	250 00	29	107 00	June,	'99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400
318	Wilnot ...	Baden	31	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	7	...	7	10	10 00	...	...	...	July,	'99	Good.	Good.	Yes	...
...	Blyth	Blyth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	14	...	15 00	8	85 00	July	1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	300	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in this District. I desire, in the first place, to thank the brethren for the honor they conferred in electing me to the office of D. D. G. M. in North Huron District. I have visited every Lodge and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me by all the officers and members. I was highly pleased with the harmony and Masonic spirit everywhere displayed. I am happy to state that I have not been called upon to consider a single grievance.

I certainly expected to find this harmonious relation, and I was not disappointed. I congratulate the brethren of this important district upon their strict observance of this truly Masonic virtue; for without harmony those cardinal landmarks, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, would exist but in name.

I also wish to thank the officers of every Lodge in the district for their ready acceptance of the time specified for my official visits. In every case (with one exception, when a good reason was offered) the time fixed was accepted, and no excuses were offered for postponement. This to me was a very gratifying feature indeed. I found the officers throughout the district very efficient, able and capable men, highly qualified for the important duties of their several offices. It was gratifying to note the fidelity and loyalty of the members in all the Lodges to the officers appointed to preside over them.

I found the Lodge rooms throughout, spacious, comfortable and well kept. Several of the lodges own their own buildings. The Lodges are held separately from

any other Orders, with but one or two exceptions, and these informed me that they would soon meet in their own Lodge rooms.

I am happy to report that I have not been called upon to attend a Masonic funeral during the year. I have not granted any dispensations. The traveling expenses were promptly provided, in every case, by the different Lodges.

Kincardine, December 6th, 1899.—Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, was officially visited by me on the above date, when we had a very large attendance of members and visitors. It was a very pleasant visit to me, as this was my Mother Lodge. It was my good fortune to have M. W. Bro. William Gibson, P. G. M., of Beamsville, and R. W. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., of Hamilton, with me on the occasion. I was also pleased to meet several members in attendance who were members when I was admitted in 1867. Among the number I might mention R. W. Bro. Martyn, V. W. Bro. McPherson, Bros. Baird and Sellery, and these brethren have been in continuous membership ever since that time. W. Bro. Scott presided and the officers were elected. The election was conducted by P. G. M. Wm. Gibson. The officers were selected with great care, and as they are well skilled, the prospects for a successful year are most encouraging. The record of Northern Light Lodge is an important chapter in the history of Masonry in this district. The career of this Lodge has been successful from its inception, its membership has been large, its work has been admired, and its Masonic charity is worthy of all emulation. I wish for it continued and greater success. After the Lodge adjourned the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet in their spacious refreshment parlor. About one hundred and twenty-five were present. A high class entertainment was provided and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Wroxeter, December 13th, 1899: Forest Lodge was next visited. This Lodge has been established for many years and the officers have been noted for their skill and Masonic spirit. The membership is not large, nevertheless the members are quite enthusiastic and in earnest. They perform the work remarkably well and the

evening I spent there was a very pleasant one indeed. The W. M. exemplified the work in the first degree and was ably assisted by W. Bro. Barnard. The Rev. Bro. Farney, who is a member of this Lodge, gave a very pleasing address. After the Lodge was adjourned supper was provided and an evening of social enjoyment followed.

Fordwich, December 14th, 1899.—Fordwich Lodge, No. 331: I found this Lodge in a very satisfactory condition. They are nicely located and have a Lodge room that is very creditable to them. The work that was performed was very well done. The evening was a very pleasant one, and I have kindly recollections of Fordwich Lodge, although I had not the pleasure of the acquaintance of a single member of it before my visit.

Teeswater, December 15th, 1899.—Teeswater Lodge, No. 276: The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W.M. and his officers. The members appeared to take quite an interest in the work and performed it very properly. After the adjournment a magnificent banquet was served and quite a number attended. The evening was one long to be remembered.

Chesley, January 9th, 1900.—Forest Lodge, No. 393: I met a fair representation at this Lodge and had the pleasure of seeing the first degree exemplified. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner. The Master and his officers performed their duties well. W. Bros. Mickle and Stewart rendered able assistance. Altogether this Lodge is doing well and I expect to hear of increased prosperity in it.

Hepworth, January 11th, 1900.—Burns Lodge No. 436: This Lodge has been established only a few years, but has made wonderful progress. The Brethren are very enthusiastic and manifest a great delight in the Order. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Walmsley and V. W. Bro. Witthun, of Wiarton, on this occasion. W. Bro. A. E. Campbell, W. Bro. D. Campbell and Bro. Murphy were also present. After the Lodge adjourned, a sumptuous banquet was served, of which a large number partook.

Wiarton, January 12, 1900.—Cedar Lodge, No. 396: I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the brethren and many visitors from Burns and other

Lodges. The work of the first degree was exemplified by the Master and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge has had a very prosperous career, which it still retains. The members appear to take a deep interest in everything pertaining to Masonry. Whatever they undertake is well done. I had the pleasure of listening to some very good speeches in the Lodge. After the Lodge adjourned a splendid banquet was held, which reflected great credit upon the Order.

Tara, January 15th, 1900.—Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362: I had the satisfaction on the occasion of my visit of meeting a large number of the brethren and some visitors. Tara is the home of two P. D. D. G. M.'s—Bros. Dr. Wilson and Robert Bruce—both of whom are worthy Masons and have rendered great service to the Order. The work of the Lodge was well performed. After adjournment a splendid banquet was served and many able speeches delivered.

Eden Grove, January 16th, 1900.—Moravian Lodge, No. 431: I had the honor of meeting about 50 brethren and visitors on the occasion of my visit to this lodge and was highly pleased with the good feeling and good fellowship that prevailed. The occasion was cheered by a large delegation from Saugeen and Aldworth Lodges. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and exemplifies both the work and spirit of Freemasonry. The officers are well skilled and the attendance is very constant, although many of the members reside at quite a distance from the Lodge room. R. W. Bro. Pinkerton, W. Bro. Dr. Morison, W. Bro. Chittick and Bro. Henry Cargill, M. P., were present. After the adjournment the members of the Lodge sat down to a most recherche banquet, provided by Mr. John Connors. Bro. Wm. Trimble, who was initiated into this Lodge but a short time ago, is deserving of special mention for his zeal on behalf of the Order and for the efficient manner in which he acts as Secretary.

Paisley, January 17th, 1900.—Aldworth Lodge, No. 235: My visit to this Lodge was a very pleasant one. Quite a number were present and the proceedings were very enjoyable. The work done was performed in an efficient manner. The officers are painstaking in their work and the members give them a hearty support. The

Rev. Bro. Bloodsworth gave us a pleasing address, which was much appreciated. W. Bro. Dr. McLaren did likewise. After the adjournment the brethren were entertained at a banquet and a very pleasant hour was spent.

Port Elgin, January 18th, 1900.—Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429: I found a very nice Lodge room here and quite a number in attendance. I had an opportunity of observing their work, which was skilfully performed. W. Bro. John George, Bros. William George, Ridout and Hilker and some others gave short and pleasing addresses. This Lodge has quite a number of enthusiastic Masons and has a bright future before it.

Southampton, January 19th, 1900.—Saint Lawrence Lodge, No. 131: This is the second oldest Lodge in the district and is in a very flourishing condition. I was greeted by a large attendance of members and visitors from neighboring Lodges. A candidate was initiated on the occasion of my visit and all the brethren present seemed to be sensibly impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony. This Lodge owns its building. After the adjournment about sixty sat down to a banquet, at the conclusion of which a splendid program of music, songs and speeches was rendered. Bro. Prof. Maitland sang several patriotic songs, which were highly appreciated and rapturously encored. Bro. Dr. Black gave a couple of recitations, which were well received. Speeches were made by W. Bros. Bowman, M. P. P., W. Bro. Dundas and A. E. Campbell, Bro. Ridout, of Port Elgin; Bro. Henry Barltrop, of Hepworth, and many others. Certainly it was a red-letter day for Masonry.

Listowel, January 22nd, 1900.—Bernard Lodge, No. 225: I was favored with a large attendance on the occasion of my visit. This Lodge is very favorably located, has a splendid hall, rich furniture, and is thoroughly well equipped. I had the pleasure of witnessing several branches of the work exemplified, all of which was done in a truly Masonic manner and with great skill. R. W. Bro. D. D. Cambell was present and took part in the proceedings. After the adjournment supper was served and a social evening spent. Many of the brethren delivered good addresses and some splendid songs were sung. Rev. Bro. Moore gave an able ad-

dress on the spirit of Masonry, R. W. Bro. Campbell on the History of the Order, and Bros. Morphy, Brooks, J. W. Scott and others contributed materially to the evening's entertainment. I shall long remember with pleasure my visit to Bernard Lodge and the kindness I received from the W. M.

Walkerton, January 23, 1900.—Saugeen Lodge, No. 197: My official visit to this Lodge was very pleasant indeed. From the establishment of the Lodge and for many years afterwards, I had the honor of being a member of it, and on this occasion, my happiness was enhanced by meeting with a few of the members who belonged to Saugeen in its early history. It was therefore with special pleasure that I met W. Bro. O'Connor, Bro. Collins and Bro. W. A. McLean, who were members when I affiliated. This Lodge is in a very satisfactory condition, has a large membership and a good number of well-skilled officers and Past Masters. The W. M., although but newly installed, performed the duties in a very satisfactory manner and was ably assisted by all his officers. Quite a number of visitors were present. W. Bro. Scott, W. Bro. Collins and Bro. Utter, of Kincardine; W. Bro. Jermyn, of Wiarton, and W. Bro. Dr. Morison, of Pinkerton, kindly favored us. R. W. Bro. Goodear rendered us valuable assistance.

Brussels, January 24th, 1900.—St. John's Lodge, No. 184: I had a very pleasant visit to this Lodge. Found the officers well skilled and the work very well performed. Quite a number were present and a few visitors from Wroxeter cheered us with their presence. Some work was exemplified in proper form and reflected considerable credit on the various officers of the Lodge. The J. W. is deserving of special mention for his lecture.

Wingham, January 25, 1900.—Wingham Lodge, No. 286: The attendance at this Lodge was not very large. The Lodge room is very inviting, nicely located, handsomely furnished and well equipped throughout. Part of the third degree was exemplified in good form. The Master and his officers are well qualified for the duties. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Morton, W. Bro. Tamblyn and Rev. Bro. Lowe on this occasion, and was pleased with the kindly speeches they delivered.

Lucknow, January 26, 1900.—Old Light Lodge, No.

184: This is one of the pioneer Lodges of the district and has a very creditable Masonic history. I found quite a large attendance of members and visitors. The Master and officers were in their places. R. W. Bro. Tennant rendered us every assistance and I was also ably supported on the occasion by R. W. Bro. Martyn. I had the pleasure of witnessing some work exemplified in a truly Masonic manner. After the adjournment a sumptuous repast was provided and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

Tiverton, January 29, 1900.—Bruce Lodge, No. 341: There was quite a large attendance of members and visitors on the occasion of my visit to this Lodge. The brethren have a very nice Lodge room, well furnished and equipped, comfortable and commodious. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, after which several speeches were delivered on the principles and teachings of the Order. R.W. Bro. Martyn, V. W. Bro. McPherson, W. Bro. Scott and W. Bro. Collins were present, and another good brother, whose name I have forgotten, drove all the way from Lucknow to join us. I hope he will pardon me for forgetting his name. He is a member of the dental profession.

Hanover, June 15, 1900.—Hanover Lodge, No. 432: This Lodge was established five years ago and has now a membership of thirty-nine. It is in a very prosperous condition and the members of the Order are deeply attached to it. W. Bro. J. S. Knachtel is the presiding officer this year. Bro. J. Stone is S. W. and Bro. E. S. Cressman J. W. The officers are well qualified to discharge their duties and do so very efficiently. The P.M.'s render them every assistance and regularly attend. W. Bro. Sutherland has been the Secretary since the Lodge was established, and Bro. P. W. Mitchell Treasurer. W. Bro. J. Mitchell and W. Bro. Zinn are always ready for duty when required. The Lodge room is large, well furnished, well equipped and very convenient in every department. The brethren are enthusiastic and devoted to the Order, and I wish for them every success. I am proud to boast that I am a member of this Lodge.

Brethren of the district, in conclusion, let me thank you, heartily thank you, for all the kind acts, for all the cheering words of encouragement you gave me during the year. I wish for you all every happiness every

prosperity, and every earthly blessing that Providence can bestow. Let us all stand together in brotherly love; let us study the landmarks of our Ancient, Free and Accepted Order, and look for guidance to the Great Architect of the Universe in the firm assurance that He will crown our labors with abundant success.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. LANDERKIN, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report as D. D. G. M. of Wilson District, No. 6, I must first express my thanks for the very kind encouragement I have received from those who have filled the office before me and the other officers and past officers of Grand Lodge. When I started out on my work of visiting the Lodges I expected some criticism, and I have received only the kindest expressions of friendship, both in word and deed. And this from all—Masters, officers and members, and brethren whose age in years and as members of the Craft I can look up to with reverence, have endeavored to make my visits pleasant. One thing I have noticed is the better average attendance of the Lodges in the smaller places. There seems to be a tendency with some to pay particular attention to the social side of Lodge meetings and drop their interest in the regular work. This is most noticeable where candidates are more plentiful. It seems to me that the cause lies in the fact that candidates are rushed through the various degrees without insisting upon their learning thoroughly the necessary lessons and the O. B.'s. I think it should be impressed upon each Master the necessity of candidates being advanced strictly according to merit and ability. The refusal by a Worshipful Master to advance a candidate who had not thoroughly learned his lesson and O. B. would be looked upon favorably by all who have the best interest of the institution at heart. The necessity for the senior brethren to instruct the junior is an education any of us will profit by, and I feel certain that the brother who affords the instruction will be in his place to see how the lesson is rendered. Hence I think it would be wise for Masters to appoint different brethren for different candidates

to instruct them and not leave it too much in the hands of a few. The work properly learned by a candidate as he goes through tends to fit him for those positions in the lodge which it is honorable for every member to aspire to.

The work is flourishing throughout the District, as will be seen by the reports. Efforts have been put forward by some of the Lodges to induce the unaffiliated to resume their membership, but not much success has been met with. Business-like methods by efficient Secretaries are keeping down the number in arrears in almost every Lodge. The result is that the finances of each are in splendid shape, there being only one Lodge that has a debt, and the most have a substantial amount ahead.

I have granted dispensations to Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland; St. John's, No. 104, Norwich; and Frederick, No. 217, Delhi, to appear in Masonic clothing at Divine Service.

Monday, Dec. 11th, I paid my first official visit. This was to Scotland Lodge, No. 193, when I installed their officers for the ensuing year. The evening was very stormy, which deterred many from getting out, although a fair number were present. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and at that time prospects for the year were particularly bright. Since then a couple of candidates for initiation have been rejected, which the W. M. fears may have been the result of malice. I feel that this impression will wear off and everything go on all right. The officers are able in their positions and take particular pride in doing their work correctly. A banquet after Lodge was closed was heartily enjoyed by the members, with visitors from Delhi and Waterford. Speeches, songs and music brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1899, I visited Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, and installed their officers. This is one of the very prosperous Lodges in the district. Harmony prevails, and all take an active interest, as is evidenced by the large average attendance. Just before the Lodge was closed W. Bro. Bottomley, the retiring Master, was presented with a handsome Past Master's Jewel as an evidence of the appreciation by the Lodge of his able

work during the past year. A grand banquet after the Lodge was over was the feature of the evening and was enjoyed by about one hundred brethren, with visitors from Delhi and Vittoria. Financially this Lodge is strong, although a few of the brethren are considerably in arrears. No fears need be entertained for the prosperity of Norfolk Lodge, as the brethren are particularly careful in their selection of officers, and with so many good men coming on who are competent to fill any position, and who are ready to do their share of the work, their choice is sure to be right. Then R. W. Bro. Atkinson, who retains his active interest, is generally on hand to encourage the officers and to guard the landmarks.

Wednesday, Jan. 10th, visited King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. McDonald and royally received by a large turnout of the brethren, and visitors from Delhi, Ingersoll, Vienna, and one from Indiana. The work of exemplifying the second degree was exceptionally well done. The officers are all young men and enthusiastic in the work. King Hiram Lodge I look upon as one of the best, if not the best in the district, and I noticed particularly the large proportion of young men. Still the older members take the same active interest that their juniors do, and can certainly pride themselves upon the fact that to their efforts in the past may be attributed the present position of the Lodge. There are a few of the members back considerably in their dues, but efforts are being made to get these to pay up. The social side of life is highly enjoyed by the members; so after the work of the Lodge a lunch in the Lodge room was enjoyed, after which a few speeches brought to a close a very successful meeting.

Thursday, January 11th, I visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, and installed the officers. There was not a large number of the members out, as the evening was very stormy, although a load drove over from Woodstock, despite the weather. The Worshipful Master is a Church of England clergyman, and the other officers are active young men, all of whom were out, although some had to drive a long way. Good fellowship prevails among the brethren, as was evidenced at the supper that was given after the ceremony. The Lodge

is in fair shape financially, with very few arrears or dues. The Worshipful Master did the work of closing in the several degrees in a very creditable manner.

Friday, Jan. 12, I visited Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, and installed their officers. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Kennedy and well received by a large turnout of members and visitors from Simcoe and Port Dover and Pt. Rowan. Work in the second degree was fairly well done, although the officers got a trifle confused. However, I could see that they knew their work, but the occasion had affected the memory. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition. They own the building in which the Lodge room is situated, which is nearly all paid for. They have just completed many repairs to the building and are to be congratulated upon the fine appearance of the Lodge rooms. An oyster supper after Lodge supplied material for social enjoyment, where the harmony that exists was manifest in the pleasant words spoken.

Monday, March 12, I visited Erie Lodge, No. 140, Port Dover. I was well received by quite a large number of the brethren, with visitors from Vittoria. As there was no work on, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. This was done in a manner that shows a thorough knowledge of our ceremonies. The officers are young men, energetic, and have the welfare of the principles of our fraternity at heart. Special mention must be made of the manner in which the Secretary, W. Bro. Varey, keeps the books of the Lodge. But I am sorry to say that many of the brethren are very much in arrears. I urged upon the Worshipful Master and the Secretary the necessity of endeavoring to get these to pay up, and was informed that the accounts had been placed in the hands of a committee for them to deal with. After the Lodge meeting a very nice lunch was heartily enjoyed. A few speeches brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Tuesday, March 13th, I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell. I was well received by an average turnout of the members. The work for the evening was in the third degree, which was fairly well done by P. M. Bro. Burwell, the W. M. feeling diffident in the presence of strangers. I find that none of the officers have been properly instructed in the present work. This will probably be changed before this report reaches you.

Last year the Lodge lost everything they had by fire, although an insurance of \$400 has saved them from collapse. They now occupy a rented hall (they owned the building formerly occupied), which they have fited up very nicely. The officers are mostly young men and are working enthusiastically in the interests of the Lodge. There are no members over one year in arrears, thanks to the care of W. Bro. Burwell, the efficient Secretary.

Wednesday, March 14, I visited Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, and was received by only a medium turnout of the members. Two candidates for initiation was the work for the evening. Past Master Bro. Ross initiated one fairly well and Past Master Bro. Bowlby the other splendidly. Wor. Bro. Clapp, the Master, has removed from the village and was not able to be present, hence the necessity for Past Masters doing the work. Wilson Lodge occupies one of the finest Lodge rooms in the district. In fact, we seldom see nicer outside the larger cities. The officers are all young men and do their work freely and correctly. This Lodge has almost completely recovered from the effects of the fire that visited it a few years ago, the last audit showing a substantial balance in cash on hand. They have a very few members in arrears and these are being got in shape. The Secretary is very particular in his work and his books are a pleasure to look over. A new set of by-laws have just been formulated, and the Chairman of the Committee is to be congratulated upon the product of the efforts of himself and his associates.

Thursday, March 15, I visited Walsingham Lodge, No. 194, Port Rowan. I was introduced by V. W. Bro. Biddle and well received by about an average turnout of the members. The evening was very cold and windy, which no doubt kept many at home. A candidate for the second degree not being out, there was no work. Opening and closing in the various degrees was very well done. This Lodge is well officered by active young men. A Church of England clergyman occupies the Junior Warden's chair and a Baptist minister the Junior Deacon's chair, so no doubt the members will continue to carry themselves as straight as they have in the past. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, with but a very few who are too much in arrears.

Friday, March 16, I visited Vienna Lodge, No. 237, and was well received by a little above an average attendance. This was one of the coldest nights of the winter, which no doubt kept some away who lived at a distance in the country. Work in the second degree was exceptionally well done. I have seldom seen it better. The Lodge is getting along nicely. They now own the building in which the Lodge room is situated and have it all paid for except some \$40 or \$50. There are quite a few of the members too much in arrears, but I notice by their minutes that they have a committee newly appointed for the purpose of endeavoring to get these to pay up. If this be accomplished it will put them out of debt. After Lodge a lunch was enjoyed, and the few speeches that followed showed the harmony that exists and the enthusiasm of the officers in the interests of the Lodge.

Wednesday, March 21st, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. McCurdy and well received by a good number of the members, with visitors from Delhi and one from Wisconsin. As there was no work on, opening and closing in the three degrees was done in a very creditable manner. The officers are young men and take pride in doing the work well. This Lodge is very comfortably situated, having a splendid room with good large ante-rooms and another room large enough in which to hold their suppers and lunches. The Lodge is out of debt now, the last note which they owed being paid off on the occasion of my visit. The dues are well paid up and the Secretary takes particularly active interest in all his work. A supper after the Lodge was heartily enjoyed by all present. Fraternity and good fellowship prevail, and St. John's, No. 104, is sure to prosper.

Monday, April 9th, I visited Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Martin, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, and well received by a fairly large turnout of the members. The work in the first degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. Hamilton, and the third degree by R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart was conferred in a manner that proved him a thorough Past Master in the art. To say that Oxford Lodge is prosperous is only to reiterate what has been said in the past, and pleasant it is to report what must

continue to be, so long as such efficient officers are put in the chairs. The Worshipful Master is clever in his position, both as regards the work and in his manner with his brethren, and is ably assisted by all his officers. The Secretary, Bro. Anderson, is an exemplary one, and to see his manner of keeping the minutes of the Ldge is an education to the majority. A few of the members are too much in arrears, but efforts are continually being made to collect such dues. One good feature of the work of the Worshipful Master is his punctuality in opening and in getting through with the work, so as to obey the injunction in the Ancient charges: "Not to remain out too late at night."

Tuesday, April 10th, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, and was well received by a fair turnout of the members. Work in the first degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner. Particular mention must be made of the Junior Warden's delivery of the Lecture. Opening and closing in the other degrees was done quickly and in perfect form. This Lodge was unfortunate in losing its funds a year or two ago, but have now got in good shape again, having a nice balance on the right side of the ledger. The dues are the best paid up of any Lodge in my district, there being at the date of my visit a total arrearage of about \$35 in a membership of 51. The officers are all young men, energetic, and take particular pride in doing the work correctly, and they are well encouraged by the comparatively regular attendance of the Past Masters.

Thursday, April 23, I visited Thistle Lodge, No. 250. Only a small number of the brethren were out to receive me. Owing to the fact that many of the members live in the country at a considerable distance and the roads being bad, I did not feel discouraged. Two candidates for initiation were balloted for and accepted. The work of the first degree was exemplified splendidly by P. M. Bro. Creighton. The W. M. had been sick during the three winter months and had not the confidence to do the work as he wished it done. He says he will be feeling right for the work by the next regular meeting if his health continues to improve. The other officers did their work very well. Financially the Lodge is not strong, but the prospects of plenty of new material places them in a very comfortable position. The

dues are well paid up, as no member is ^{at} behind for long without being suspended. A lunch was enjoyed after the Lodge meeting, and the harmony that exists among the brethren was plainly seen in the half-hour's conversation that followed.

Friday, April 13th, I visited Plattsville Lodge, No. 178. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Allshire and well received by a good turnout of the members, with visitors from New Hamburg. This was another stormy night. I have been particularly unfortunate so far in having bad weather during my visits, still the brethren have turned out comparatively well. Plattsville Lodge is thriving. The officers are enthusiastic and critical in the work. The opening and closing in the various degrees was done fairly well, and many questions were asked which I answered to the best of my ability. The Secretary, W. Bro. Henderson, is to be praised upon the neat way in which he keeps the books. The dues are well paid up, only two or three being over twelve months in arrears.

Wednesday, April 11th, I visited Burford Lodge, No. 106. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Miles and well received by a fair turnout of the members, with visitors from Blenheim, No. 108, and Scotland, No. 193. As no work was on, the Lodge was opened and closed in the various degrees in a creditable manner. I find that several of the members are too much back in their dues, but the Worshipful Master says that efforts shall be made to get them all straightened up. This Lodge is in splendid financial shape. They own the building in which the Lodge room is situated, and have it all paid for with the exception of about \$350, which amount could be materially reduced were the dues better paid up. The building is worth about \$2,000, the lower part of which is bringing them in a nice sum. After the work in the Lodge room a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board. Perfect harmony prevails among the brethren, and with R. W. Bro. Miles to guard the landmarks Burford Lodge must continue to prosper.

Friday, May 18, I visited Blenheim, No. 108, Princeton. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Smiley and well received by a splendid turn out of the members. This evening being the occasion of the relief of Mafeking, many who had intended to visit the lodge were not pre-

sent. However, the attendance was the best average of any Lodge I have yet visited, there being present either eighteen or twenty out of a membership of twenty-five. Financially the Lodge is not strong, but they have no debt. The dues are well paid up, with the exception of those of one member. As there was no work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the various degrees in a very creditable manner. The chair was occupied by P. M. Bro. Daniels, as the Master, who resides at a distance of about ten miles from the village, was unable to be present. Perfect harmony prevails, and although work has not been plentiful during the past year, no discouragement is felt. A lunch in the room adjoining the Lodge was heartily enjoyed after the meeting. An hour spent in conversation and speaking brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Friday, June 1st, I visited jointly St. John's, No. 68, and King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll. I was received by the poorest turnout of the brethren that I have seen during my visits throughout the district. No doubt this was due to the rainy night, the heaviest storm of the season occurring that afternoon and evening. R.W. Bro. Hegler was laid up with a sprained ankle and unable to be out. Work in the second degree by King Hiram, with P. M. Bro. Curry in the East, was done moderately well. W. Bro. Rowland complained of a cold, hence the reason for his not filling the chair. The third degree was well exemplified by St. John's. Both lodges had to fill part of their officers' chairs with members who were not fresh in the work, so there was not the smoothness I should have liked. This, I have no doubt, is all right when there is a better attendance, and the regular officers are in their positions. Both Lodges are doing splendidly, each having plenty of work. Very few members are too much in arrears, and these are being urged to square themselves with the books. The officers I met are enthusiastic workers, and under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Hegler, V. W. Warnock and V. W. Bro. Boles, the Lodges in Ingersoll are sure to prosper.

Friday, June 8th, I visited Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi. This, my official visit to my Mother Lodge, was marked by an unusually large turnout of the brethren. As Secretary of the Lodge, I am fully acquainted with

its affairs. Without speaking boastfully, I think the officers in the various chairs do their work as well, if not better, than any Lodge in the district. On this evening the first and third degrees were both exemplified splendidly. Owing to trouble in the Lodge during the past year or two, there has been no work for the officers to do. Financially the Lodge is very weak; in fact, is considerably in debt; but if everything continues as it is at present, it will be but a short time before everything will be straightened up and the Lodge prospering as it should in this place. Twelve miles is the distance to the nearest Lodge, and it is only on account of wrong conditions that there has not been a larger membership. The brethren feel unanimously that conditions were never better than they are now for the Lodge to go ahead, and are beginning to take more active interest in the work.

Tuesday, July 3rd, I visited King Solomon, No. 43, Woodstock, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. I was well received by a good turnout of the brethren, considering the very hot night. The Lodge room in Woodstock is one of those that is not properly ventilated for summer meetings. There was no degree work for the officers to do after the ceremony of installation was over, but I could see from the way the Master did the closing of the Lodge in the different degrees that he takes pride in doing his work well. The other officers who have the active part of the work to do are comparatively young men and appear to have the interest of the Lodge at heart. There is a large number of the brethren too much in arrears, and the auditor's report, which was read on this evening, called the attention of the Lodge to the fact. I suggested that the work of collecting the long standing accounts should be put into the hands of a Committee, who, having this specially before them, would get the accounts straightened up. The Lodge, however, is in good financial standing, and very prosperous. After the Lodge meeting a very pleasant hour was spent around the refreshment table. Woodstock seems to be a central point for reaching the lodges in the northern part of the district, hence I have been often there during my term of office. I can assure you

that I have many pleasant memories of the brethren of this thriving town.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. CRYSLER, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 21st, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATI N.	Mem- bership.		Degre's Confrd			Affiliations.		Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.				Emergent.	Total.										
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	99	4	4	4	5	5	2	1	1	1	12	3	15	25	\$96.40	7	\$70 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Bright.	Yes	\$600
3	King Hir'm	Ingersoll	66	4	7	9	7	1	1	12	2	14	3	17	15	30.00	...	...	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	No	200
43	King Sol'on	Woodstock	9	1	4	7	7	1	3	4	2	14	3	19	25	53.20	40	220.35	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,125	
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	116	1	12	9	9	1	1	3	2	1	11	5	19	34	58.00	36	270 00	Jan. 23 1900	Good.	Excellent	Yes	1,125
76	Oxford	Woodstock	115	1	7	7	10	1	1	2	3	10	7	17	30	15.00	43	150 00	Jun. 24 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	200	
7	King Hir'm	Wilsonsburg	81	3	6	5	6	...	...	...	2	2	13	2	15	25.00	57	79.84	Dec. 2 1899	\$60 00	Good.	Yes	500
82	St. John's	Paris	51	3	6	5	5	1	1	16	2	18	22	25.00	57	194.00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	No	500
104	St. John's	Norwich	68	3	2	2	2	1	1	13	1	14	15	6.00	25	240.00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
106	Burford	Burford	25	2	2	5	5	1	1	10	1	10	13	1.00	...	40 55	Jun. 24 1900	Go. d.	Good.	Yes	500
108	Benheim	Princeton	64	3	2	5	5	1	1	11	1	12	21	42.11	5	16.50	Dec. 27 1899	Go. d.	Good.	Yes	650
113	Wilson	Waterford	56	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	12	3	15	15	5.00	4	175.00	Jan. 1 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	200
149	Erie	Port Dover	51	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	11	2	13	13	2.00	5	18.00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Splendid.	Yes	250
174	Walsing'm	Port Rowan	38	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	12	1	12	13	...	...	61.23	Jan. 8 1900	Good.	V Good.	Yes	300
175	Plattsville	Plattsville	19	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	13	2	15	8	10.00	16	70.00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	58	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	2	11	2	14	22	5.00	2	68.33	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	250
193	Scotland	Scotland	39	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	2	11	2	13	18	5.00	2	70.00	Dec. 27 '99	Poor.	Good.	Yes	250
217	Frederick	Delhi	25	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	9	1	10	12	5.00	7	73.25	July 18 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	None
237	Vienna	Vienna	22	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	8	1	10	10	1.00	5	15.00	Jan. 16 1900	Fair.	Good.	No	750
250	Thistle	Embro	25	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	9	1	10	12	5.00	7	73.25	July 18 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	750
261	Oak Branch	Innerekip	22	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	8	1	10	10	1.00	5	15.00	Jan. 16 1900	Fair.	Fair.	No	750
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	37	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	16	1.00	5	15.00	Jan. 16 1900	Good.	All right.	Yes	750

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in the Wellington District during the past year.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the important office of D. D. G.M., and also for the kindness shown me throughout the year and the cordial reception given me on the occasion of my official visits to the different Lodges. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability and though I know there have been many shortcomings on my part, still I trust that with the assistance given me by my immediate predecessor in office and by R. W. Bros. T. P. Smith and John MacDonald, two P. D. D. G. M.'s of the district, my labors have not been altogether in vain.

During my visits where I have found the work somewhat loosely done, I have impressed upon the officers the necessity of getting it accurately, and to that end of having frequent practices, and I have advised that the Masters should divide up the work, giving the Past Masters portions of it, so that it not only makes it easier for the Masters but prevents the Past Masters from feeling so soon as they have passed the chair their interest is gone and they simply fall back to the position of ordinary members and cease or fall off in their attendance at meetings. I believe this division of the work is an important element in keeping up the general interest.

I am glad to be able to report that the Lodges are in a prosperous condition throughout the district, perhaps with the exception of one or two, in which cases, how-

ever, the trouble is not with the Lodges themselves so much as with the general depression which exists in the places where they are held through the loss of industries, etc., but upon the whole Masonry is making good progress in the district and I am pleased to say that in some Lodges at least a number of unaffiliated Masons are coming back. In some Lodges I have called attention to the fact that many brethren coming late to the meeting has a bad effect by causing constant interruptions and that a large and punctual attendance was a great encouragement to the officers.

As the regalia for the D. D. G. M. belonging to this district had become much the worse of wear, I therefore made application to all the Lodges for the necessary funds to purchase a new set, and my application was promptly responded to by all the Lodges except Harriston Lodge, No. 262, so that the new regalia has been provided, but I am sorry that this Lodge neglected to pay its share when the amount required from each was small.

I have visited officially all the Lodges in the district on regular meeting nights, and the expenses incurred by me in making my visits have in all cases been promptly met.

On my return from Grand Lodge, after my election to the office of D. D. G. M., I was given a reception by my own Lodge, at which there were brethren present from Guelph, Fordwich, Kincardine and Springfield, Ill., and an altogether too flattering address was presented to me. I may also mention that I received a number of kind letters from brethren of the district offering their congratulations. I refer to this because it is such expression as these which give a person heart to perform the duties of any office and makes those duties a pleasure. I know they greatly encouraged me in assuming the duties of an office rendered all the harder by having to follow my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Lockhart.

On the occasion of my first visit to Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, the W. M. expressed an opinion that he thought it would be beneficial if the Lodges would exchange visits and work degrees in other Lodges than their own. I thought the suggestion a good one, and so mentioned it at the following meeting my own

Lodge, when, it being thought well of, an invitation was given to the W. M. and officers of Speed Lodge to come to Elora on June 15, and confer the third degree, which invitation was accepted. The result surpassed my expectations, for we had more than forty visitors from the Guelph Lodges, and those in our neighborhood. The work was very well done by the W. M. of Speed Lodge and his officers. I would recommend that this idea should be more extensively carried out all over the jurisdiction as a means of creating greater interest in the work and producing uniformity as well as to bring the brethren together.

In making this report I have not lost sight of the remarks of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in their report made to Grand Lodge last year, and I have therefore endeavored to confine myself as much as possible to what is of general importance to Grand Lodge, as showing the position of the various Lodges and the general condition of Masonry in the district.

I have not issued any dispensations myself, but I have procured them for Waverly Lodge, No. 361, and Guelph Lodge, No. 258, for the purpose of installing officers at a time other than that provided in the by-laws, and also for Mercer Lodge, No. 347, to elect and instal officers, and Harris Lodge, No. 216, for an At Home.

I have only received reports of Masonic funerals from two Worshipful Masters, namely, the W. M. of Speed Lodge, No. 180, of the funeral of the late Wor. Bro. Skinner, and the W. M. of Harris Lodge, No. 216, of the funeral of the late Bro. G. W. Ward. I believe there were other funerals not reported.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258: My first official visit was to this Lodge on September 12, when I was accompanied by about a dozen brethren from Elora. The chair was ably filled by the Master, W. Bro. R. Mahoney, jr. The work of the evening was an initiation, the degree being conferred by the Worshipful Master, who was well seconded by his officers, the lecture being given by the Junior Warden, Bro. McDowell, very accurately, and the Junior Deacon, Bro. W. A. Mahoney, also did his part well; in fact, the whole work was satisfactorily done, especially as the officers were only installed in June. The attendance of the brethren of this Lodge and of the other Guelph Lodges was large. R. W. Bro. Ma-

honey delivered the charge. I noticed that the candidate paid careful attention to the obligation. This Lodge has initiated a fair number of candidates during the year.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this Lodge on October 17th. The work done was in the third degree and was fairly well done. The Master, Wor. Bro. Snider, conferred the degree, assisted by two of the Past Masters, their work being good, but the floor work was not so well done. This, however, is accounted for by the fact that the Lodge has lately lost a number of its officers, and these chairs had to be filled by brethren who had only just received their third degree. The attendance was not so large as it would have been had the evening not been so wet, which kept away brethren who lived out of town. The By-laws were revised during the year.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: November 7th was the date of my visit to this Lodge. The work done was a raising, and the candidate was a good one. He was not the one expected, so he had to be instructed at the last minute; nevertheless he answered the questions accurately. The work was done by the Master, Wor. Bro. Pierce. I was glad to meet so large a number of brethren. They came from Preston and Hespeler, as well as from the Sister Lodge in Galt. The Lodge has done a fair amount of work during the year.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: Visited this Lodge on November 15th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Petrie, of Elora. The work of the evening was conferring the second degree, which was done by the Master, W. Bro. Preston. The whole work was very fairly done, especially that of the Senior Deacon. The Lodge was opened in all the degrees, and three brethren were examined in the third, who answered very well, the obligation being repeated in all cases. The attendance of the brethren of the Lodge was very good. A number of visiting brethren were expected, but on account of the unfavorable weather failed to come. I was asked to make a number of rulings. The lodge claims to have one of the best Secretaries in the district and the state of his books supports the claim.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this Lodge on November 21st. The work was in the second

degree and was fairly well done. The Master, W. Bro. Dales, was in the chair, and conferred the degree, assisted by a Past Master. The candidate passed a very good examination, showing that he had been carefully instructed both as to the questions and the obligation. I recommended that the officers get their work more accurately, so as to avoid even small changes from the work as given by Grand Lodge. The financial affairs of this Lodge are now getting into good shape. I was glad to see a large attendance of visiting brethren, and I think the future of the Lodge is bright. I called on Bro. Wood, a member who is confined to his house and is receiving a grant from Grand Lodge. I found him cheerful and very grateful for the assistance given.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: Visited on December 12th, and was very cordially received and well looked after during my visit. It unfortunately happened that there was a lecture given in town that evening by a popular Toronto lecturer, which took some of the brethren and made the opening late, but, notwithstanding this, the attendance was good. The work was the initiation of a candidate and was done by the Master, W. Bro. Brett, who occupied the chair, and who was ably seconded by his officers. The whole work was well done, the charge being given by one of the youngest brethren in a very exact and impressive manner. The election of officers was held and resulted in the election of the Senior Warden, Bro. Fish, as W. M. I am sure Harris Lodge is not deficient in good material for officers. I met Bro. Dick, who was initiated in Ireland in 1843.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited on December 26th. The Master, W. Bro. Hunter, was in the chair and did the work, which was an initiation, and was well done, not only by the Master, but by all the officers. This was the Master's first initiation. The Lodge is flourishing and is taking in a number of new members of a good class. The attendance was good.

Avr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: Visited this Lodge on December 27th. There was no work on hand, but it was the occasion of the installation of officers which ceremony I took. I had no opportunity of seeing the officers doing the work. The Master, W. Bro. Cassie, was installed for his third term, the Wardens also being the same, except that they exchanged chairs, this being done

because the Past Senior Warden was not desirous of going into the Master's chair. The Lodge is not strong in numbers, which makes it sometimes difficult to get the necessary number to open. It is suffering with the general depression of the village.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: Visited on January 8th. The work was in the third degree and was done by the Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. McCullough. The Master, W. Bro. Huyck, was present, and took the chair for the opening and closing of the three degrees. The degree work, as well as the opening and closing, was well done. It was intended that there should be a passing, which the Master was prepared to do, but the candidate failed to turn up. The candidate who was raised was not well prepared for the examination, nor did he know the obligation, but I understand that had the candidate for the second degree been present the brother who was raised would not have been raised that evening. The attendance was good. This Lodge is going ahead and making a number of new Masons.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: Visited on Jan. 9th. There was no work, but a candidate was balloted for and accepted. He was not on hand, however, for initiation. The Master, W. Bro. Telford, was in the chair and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, which was fairly done. I pointed out a number of errors in the work, which the officers all took in a proper Masonic spirit. I am glad to be able to make a much better report than that of my predecessor. They have been under considerable difficulties, but are now in a fair way of getting out. The attendance was good for a Lodge not strong in numbers, and I am happy to say that they are remitting dues and reinstating some members who were suspended, and a number of old members who had taken out their demits have returned. I am informed that since my visit the Lodge has been moved into more commodious premises.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: Visited on January 19th. The work of the evening being the first and third degrees, the initiation being taken by a Past Master and the raising by the Master, W. Bro. Clements. The work of both degrees was well done. The Deacons are young Masons and were only installed in December, this being their first meeting as officers, but they never-

theless did very good work. R. W. Bro. Hyndman was present and gave the newly initiated candidate the charge. There are a number of Past Masters in this body who attend and take an interest in the work. The Lodge is prospering and a number of good members are coming in.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: Visited Feb. 14th. There was no work; two candidates were balloted for and accepted, but through unavoidable circumstances neither of them could attend that evening. The Master, W. Bro. Kopeman, and his officers were prepared for an initiation, as it was expected that at least one of the candidates would be there. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and it might have been done better, but they have only had one meeting since installation and became somewhat rattled. The attendance was good and a large number of Past Masters were present taking an interest in the work.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: Visited this Lodge on February 26th. The work of the evening was a passing and was well done. The Master, W. Bro. Clark, was in the chair and conferred the degree. I was glad to compliment the Senior Deacon on the floor work. The Immediate Past Master was well up and makes a good prompter. The attendance was fair, but not so large as it would have been but for other attractions in the city, and from the fact that the evening was severely cold.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited March 14th. The work was two initiations. The Master, W. Bro. Royce, took the first and the second was taken by W. Bro. Leitch, a Past Master. The work in both cases was well done, not only by the Masters, but the other officers as well, and the lecture was most accurately given by the Junior Warden. The Lodge is flourishing and is having a good deal of work, the new members being young men and of a good class. One feature was a splendid supper in the banquet room, given by the landlord, Bro. Sutton and his wife, at which the families of the brethren were present. It was very pleasant, and will serve materially to obliterate any prejudice there may be against Masonry.

Preston Lodge, No. 207, Preston: Visited March 16.

The Master, W. Bros. Roos, was in the chair, but neither of the Wardens or the Inner Guard were present. There was no work. It was intended to have a raising, but the candidate was not present. The attendance was not large, and the Master was just recovering from an attack of illness. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the work so far was very good. Some brethren from Hespeler were present.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: Visited April 10th. The work of the evening was in the second and third degrees, the chair being occupied by the Master, Wor. Bro. Lancereth, while the second degree was conferred, and by the I. P. M., W. Bro. the Rev. R. Von Pirch for the third. The work in both degrees was well done. The attendance was not so large as it might have been, considering that the membership of the Lodge is about the largest in the district, but they have a number of good Masons, and I understand that there are many non-resident members. This Lodge gave a very pleasant banquet and social reunion on December 7th, at which I had the pleasure of being present.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: Visited on April 16th. There was no work, and has not been for some time. The Master, W. Bro. Tolton, occupied the chair, but neither Warden was present. This was accounted for by the fact that it was the Easter holidays, and they were out of town. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, but was indifferently done. The Lodge is small in numbers, and this creates a difficulty because they don't always have a sufficient number to open, and having no work they get very little practice. They are, however, in a good financial position.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this, my own Lodge officially on April 20. The work was a passing, the chair being occupied by the Master, W. Bro. McMurchy, during the opening and closing in all the degrees, but the degree was conferred by the I. P. M., Wor. Bro. Petrie. It was intended to have an initiation also, which would have been taken by the Master, but the candidate was not on hand. Of course I know the working of this Lodge well, as I seldom miss a meeting, and I can say that it has not deteriorated from the high standing given in the reports of my predeces-

sors. A number of visitors from Mercer Lodge, Fergus, was present.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited on May 1. The work was an initiation. The Master, Wor. Bro. Rapp, was in the chair and conferred the degree. The whole work was very well done, showing a careful attention to everything and particularly to details. The attendance of members was good and I was glad to see a large number of brethren from the other Guelph Lodges. Six brethren from Elora accompanied me.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited on May 11th. The work of the evening was in the first degree, the chair being occupied by W. Bro. Ireland, a Past Master, as the Master, W. Bro. Young, died in April, and the chairs of the Junior Warden and Junior Deacon were also vacant owing to the removal of the officers filling them from Mount Forest. These vacancies placed the Lodge at a great disadvantage in its work, and especially that of the first degree, but notwithstanding this the work was well done, as also the opening and closing in the other degrees. These offices having so lately become vacant, it was not advisable to do anything to fill them, because the annual election takes place in June. The attendance was small at first, but as the evening progressed it became good.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: Visited officially on June 1st, but I have given this Lodge particular attention and have attended a number of their meetings. As a result of their year's work I am glad to be able to make a much more favorable report than that of my predecessor, and I think I may say that they are now fairly on the road to again become prosperous, after having passed through troubles which nearly wrecked the Lodge. I found that the Master had not been installed for more than two years, and in fact all the officers were simply holding over, so after some new members joined by affiliation I obtained a dispensation to elect and instal new officers, which was accordingly done on April 18th. I attended and took the chair and after the election installed the officers. On the occasion of my official visit the work was an initiation, which was done by the Master, W. Bro. Craig, two of the officers were unavoidably absent. The attendance was not so large as it would have been but for the fact that the eve-

ning was wet. There is much good material in Fergus and the prospects are now good. This concluded my official visits.

In conclusion I can only again express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the kind manner in which they treated me on all my visits, and I can say that the year of my occupation of the office of D. D. G. M. will always be looked back on by me as one of the happiest of my life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWARD BURNS, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degree's conf'd		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.					F. C.	M. M.										
72	Alma.....	Galt ..	94	6	...	6	2	1	3	...	2	13	12	24	18	\$65 00	4	30 00	Jun. 25, 1900	Good.	Yes	\$ 900
151	Grand Riv.	Berlin ..	99	5	...	5	7	7	2	...	1	14	14	27	27	45 00	...	...	Jun. 15, 1900	Good.	Yes	700
172	Ayr	Ayr	27	2	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	10	10	8	8	30 00	...	...	...	Fair.	Yes	None.
180	Speed	Guelph...	81	4	...	4	4	2	6	...	3	13	13	23	23	31 00	25	200 00	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Yes	None.
200	St. Albans.	Mount Forest.	46	5	...	5	4	4	1	...	2	13	13	16	16	21 50	7	91 00	June 24, '99	Good.	Yes	500
203	Irvine	Elora.....	48	5	...	5	5	5	1	...	1	11	11	22	22	5 00	6	31 60	June 30, '99	Good.	Yes	400
216	Harris	Orangeville	112	12	...	12	10	3	3	...	2	12	12	27	27	47 50	18	30 35	Dec. '98	Good.	Yes	500
257	Galt	Galt	63	10	...	11	11	11	2	...	1	13	13	41	41	5 00	8	30 00	June 30, '99	Good.	Yes	Yes.
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	83	4	...	4	8	6	4	...	2	13	13	26	26	61 50	4	128 54	Dec. 31, '99	Good.	Yes	600
262	Harriston...	Harriston ..	61	5	...	5	5	3	1	...	1	13	13	23	23	20 00	9	...	June 23, '99	Good.	Yes	300
271	Wellington	Erin	50	3	...	3	4	5	8	...	3	12	12	17	17	10 00	11	73 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Yes	400
279	New Hope	Hespeler ..	56	1	...	1	3	2	2	...	2	12	12	15	15	35 00	...	...	June 24, '99	Good.	Yes	400
295	Conestoga.	Drayton ..	33	1	...	1	5	6	5	...	4	12	12	19	19	10 00	6	53 55	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Yes	400
297	Preston	Preston	33	9	...	9	2	2	1	...	1	12	12	13	13	50 00	2	35 50	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Yes	None.
306	Durham	Durham	34	9	...	9	2	2	1	...	1	12	12	16	16	67 82	6	45 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Good.	Yes	300
314	Blair	Palmerston	59	7	...	7	6	6	2	...	1	12	12	31	31	10 00	5	30 00	Jun. 21, 1900	Fair.	Yes	None.
315	Clifford	Clifford	28	5	...	5	1	1	1	...	2	7	7	8	8	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	None.
334	Pr. Arthur	Arthur	45	5	...	5	7	6	6	...	2	12	12	15	15	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	400
337	Mercer	Fergus	33	7	...	7	4	1	1	...	3	9	9	32	32	...	...	...	...	Very Fair	1 & 2	None.
361	Waverly ..	Guelph.....	98	10	...	11	11	11	1	...	2	12	12	61	61	48 00	12	150 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Yes	None.
421	Scott	Grand Valley.	56	...	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	13	13	14	14	15 00	5	65 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Yes	300

The three Guelph lodges are in same rooms, so insurance is not by any one lodge, but all together.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Canada

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth (Hamilton) District for your consideration.

Having been honored by the brethren of this district with the position of District Deputy Grand Master, I determined that so far as my ability permitted I would fill the high office in a manner that would not reflect discredit on their choice.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. A. E. Terryberry, of Dufferin Lodge, District Secretary, but I regret that, first, his own illness and afterward the serious illness of members of his family, has prevented him, to some extent, from taking such share of the work as he otherwise would have done.

During my term of office I had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the district, and some of the lodges several times. For two years immediately preceding my election to the office of D. D. G. M., I had visited all the Lodges in the district as District Secretary for Rt. Wor. Bros. C. V. Emory and A. T. Freed, and was therefore somewhat familiar with the needs and peculiarities of each Lodge, and knew which Lodges most needed help and advice.

The condition of Masonry in this district is excellent, and I believe there has been a very steady increase. During my visits I found in every case, with one exception, that the Secretaries reported a reduced amount of outstanding dues, and an increased attendance and interest in the work. Fraternal visits are becoming more frequent between the members and most of the Lodges, and a great deal of good results therefrom, but there are still some Lodges in the district whose members very

seldom sit in any other Lodge but their own, who would be very much benefited by visiting in their vicinity, and it would give the officers of such Lodges an opportunity of seeing by comparison where they might improve in their work.

The following Lodges have submitted changes in their By-laws: Barton, No. 6; Doric, No. 121, and Seymour, No. 272, which were all duly forwarded to the Grand Master for approval.

I have issued dispensations to the following Lodges for the purpose of wearing regalia while attending Divine Service: Dufferin, No. 291, at West Flamboro; Seymour, No. 272, at Ancaster; Waterdown, No. 357, at Millgrove; Wentworth, No. 166, at Stony Creek; Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton, and Temple, No. 324, Hamilton. I have had no notification of the names of any of the brethren who have died during the year, although the reports from the various Lodges show that about eighteen have passed beyond the bourne whence no traveler returns.

My first visit was made to Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, accompanied by R. W. Bros. C. V. Emory and John Hoodless. W. Bro. Springstead, the W. M. of Wentworth Lodge, accompanied by eight of his officers, was present, besides members of Dufferin, Seymour and St. Andrew's Lodges. The Senior and Junior Wardens were both unavoidably absent. There was a good attendance of members. The books are very neatly kept by Wor. Bro. J. F. Senn, who has been for ten years a faithful and painstaking Secretary. The Worshipful Master conferred the second degree upon a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, owns the building in which it meets, and has no debts. The membership of the Lodge is 56, and the average attendance is 18.

On Sept. 17th, attended Divine Service with Dufferin Lodge at Bullock's Corners. Bro. Rev. E. A. Irving, of Dundas, delivered an excellent sermon. There was a large turnout of brethren from Valley, Seymour, Waterdown and St. George's Lodges, also from several Hamilton Lodges.

On Sept. 24 the brethren of Seymour Lodge attended Divine Service at St. John's Church, Ancaster. A very instructive sermon was preached by W. Bro. Rev. W.

R. Clark. I was unable to be present, but was informed that a large number from the surrounding Lodges joined with the Seymour brethren on that occasion.

October 1 I went to Millgrove to join with the members of Waterdown Lodge in attending Divine Service at the Methodist Church, Millgrove. Rev. Bro. Kelly preached an eloquent and impressive sermon to a large gathering of Masons.

October 12 visited St. George's Lodge, No. 243. W. Bro. J. Fleming and his officers show that they have devoted much time to their work and are well skilled. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate and applications from three good citizens were received that evening. Since last January they have found it necessary to hold six special meetings for the purpose of conferring degrees. R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed was present, and Dufferin Lodge, of West Flamboro, made a fraternal visit on this occasion. The Worshipful Master has the support of the Past Masters, who are very regular in their attendance. The financial affairs of the lodge are well managed, and having no liabilities and a very small amount of arrearage for dues, they seem to have a bright future before them.

On Tuesday I visited Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, by driving seven miles through a heavy rain storm. As it had rained almost all that day and was still raining during the evening, the roads were very bad, and as the membership is scattered there was not as large a turnout as might have been desired. The Master, Wor. Bro. Pepper, was in the chair, and a candidate was expected for that evening, but as he lived at a distance of eight miles the storm prevented him from coming, but a brother kindly volunteered to act as a candidate, and the W. M. and his officers put on the work of the first degree in a highly creditable manner. It is very gratifying to find this Lodge in such a prosperous state as compared with what it had been for some years previous to 1897. The officers have the advice and regular attendance of six to eight well skilled Past Masters. They meet in a very comfortable room, have no rent to pay, have lately procured a new set of regalia, and with a neat surplus of cash are now in a very prosperous condition.

Creek, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Holden and V. W. Bro. Beaumont, of Credit Lodge, Georgetown; the W. M.'s of St. John's, No. 40; Harmony, No. 57, and Acacia, No. 61, and a large number of members from the surrounding lodges. Wentworth Lodge is in a very prosperous condition; although situated in a small village it has a membership of 85, and during this year, up to the present date, has initiated 16, passed 13 and raised 11, and 4 applications were read upon the evening of my visit. The W. M., Bro. J. Springstead, and his officers do their work in a very superior manner. The average attendance is large. The members all seem to take a keen interest in everything in connection with the work of Masonry, and are noted for their hospitality, and many fraternal visits are exchanged with the lodges in the City of Hamilton. At the District Meeting held during the session of Grand Lodge at Ottawa a committee was appointed to procure a new D. D. G. M. regalia, and two members of that committee, V. W. Bro. Beaumont and W. Bro. Somerville, of St. John's, No. 40, were present, and on behalf of the district presented me with the new regalia.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, the brethren of Wentworth Lodge attended Divine Service at Stony Creek. A very large number of Masons were present, including members from Harmony, Seymour, Dufferin, Valley, St. Andrew's, Union, and the various lodges of the City of Hamilton.

Thursday, Nov. 16, visited Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro, accompanied by the officers of Valley Lodge, Dundas. Brethren were also present from Seymour, Waterdown and St. George Lodges. The Master, W. Bro. Ross, and his officers worked the second degree in a manner that showed beyond doubt that they were expert at the work. From many years of personal knowledge of Dufferin Lodge, I can say that the Lodge is in a healthy condition. It has not had such a marked increase of membership, but love and harmony prevail to a very marked degree. Much of the success of the Lodge in the past is due to the untiring zeal of V. W. Bro. A. Jones, who for many years has discharged the duties of Secretary.

December 8 visited Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton.

This was the first official visit I had made to any of the Lodges in the City of Hamilton, and the Craft turned out in large numbers to do me honor, ever so sitting down to the banquet table. The W. M. and officers from my own Lodge at Dundas, upon invitation from Acacia, accompanied me upon this occasion. Invitations had also been sent to Burlington, Wentworth, Seymour, Waterdown and Dufferin Lodges. I presided at the election of officers, and Wor. Bro. S. A. Morgan was re-elected Master for a second term. R. W. Bro. George C. Holden is a member and regular attendant of this Lodge, and has been Treasurer for many years. Wor. Bro. Morgan, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Wor. Bro. Thomas Epps with a Past Master's Jewel as a token of their esteem. Bro. Epps affiliated as a Past Master from Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, but his kind manner and zeal in the cause of Masonry have endeared him to the members of Acacia.

Dec. 12 visited Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, and conducted the election of officers, and from the unanimous vote cast for all the officers I would judge they had been doing their duty in the past year. Bro. Stuart Livingstone, the W. M., having been in British Columbia since last May, the duties of his office have been conducted in a masterly manner by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. Zimmerman. Temple is the youngest but one of the city Lodges, but is coming well to the front, along with its older sisters. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate in a manner that reflects great credit upon the acting W. M. and all the officers.

Dec. 13 visited Burlington Lodge, No. 165, accompanied by R. W. Bros. T. McCallum and G. C. Holden, and the W. M.'s of Acacia and Doric Lodges, of Hamilton. Valley, Wentworth, Seymour and St. Clair Lodges were also represented. V. W. Bro. James Cox acted as District Secretary. The W. M. having been removed from the village last March, the duties of the office had devolved upon W. Bro. Fleetham, I. P. M., and he had the officers well up in their work and conferred the second degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. The strained feeling and want of harmony which prevailed when I visited the Lodge a year ago, and which has been mentioned by my predecessor in his report, I am rejoiced to see, has been entirely re-

moved and the new officers give promise of being enthusiastic, and there is work on hand for some months. In the person of Bro. Bryan Hicks, the Lodge has an excellent Secretary, who takes great interest in his work and who declined the opportunity of going to the south, as he considered he could better advance the interest of the Lodge by continuing in the Secretary's office. The Lodge has a membership of 50 and an average attendance of 16.

December 15 visited Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton. Two candidates were in waiting to receive the second degree, and the Master, Wor. Bro. Breckenridge, with his officers, conferred the degree in a manner that showed that they fully understood their business. This was the annual meeting of the Lodge, and at the request of the W. M., I presided at the election of officers, and a very promising set of men were chosen from among the membership present, and I am pleased to note from subsequent visits that their selection was a good one. R. W. Bro. T. M. Davis, Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge, is an active member of this Lodge, and was present on this occasion; also the following P. D. D. G. M.'s: R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller, R. L. Gunn, J. Malloy, T. McCallum, G. C. Holden and A. T. Freed.

Dec. 17 the six Lodges of the City of Hamilton attended Divine Service in Central Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. Bro. N. F. Salton preached a very instructive and eloquent sermon.

Dec. 21 visited St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton. This is the largest Lodge in the city and also for many years has had the largest membership on the Grand Register of Canada. Its present membership is about 355. Under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Somerville, this Lodge has had a very prosperous year. V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister has for some years discharged the duties of Secretary in a manner deserving special mention. This was the annual meeting of the Lodge, and I was asked to preside at the election of officers. R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, was present, also many of the Masters and officers from the Lodges in the district.

February 8th, 1900, visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton. It rained nearly all day, and the roads were

very sloppy. I was met at the railway depot by the W. M. and three brethren, who very soon made me feel quite at home and very comfortable, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. About thirty members were present at the Lodge. The Master, W. Bro. Geo. Sitzer, and his officers, although only installed the month previous, conferred the second degree upon a candidate in a manner that would have done credit to the officers of any Lodge. Wor. Bro. Dr. McCrimmon acted as District Secretary, and I find from his statement that the Lodge had a membership at that time of 57, with an average attendance of 18, and had increased 7 in membership. The Lodge has a large meeting room and the interior is neatly finished and well furnished. A large number of Past Masters are regular in their attendance, and their advice and presence are appreciated by the younger brethren. I was much pleased on this occasion to meet with Most Wor. Bro. John Lesslie, of Winnipeg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who still retains membership in his Mother Lodge where he first saw light twenty-seven years ago.

February 14th I made my official visit to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Holden, of Acacia, who was made a Mason in this Lodge thirty-seven years ago. The Lodge records show a small but steady increase of membership for several years past. There was no work on hand, but at my request the Lodge was opened in the several degrees, and various parts of the work were exemplified, which showed that the present officers, although new at their work, having been installed only the month previous, had already given it considerable time and practice, and I am sure their zeal and interest will be of good for the welfare of the Lodge. A number of visitors were present from Enniskillen, Seymour and Dufferin Lodges. Wor. Bro. Thompson has acted as Secretary for eleven years, and although nine miles from the lodge has only missed six meetings in that time. At the time of my visit he reported only two members over twelve months in arrears. The Lodge has a membership of 36 and an average attendance of 14.

March 12 I visited Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton. V. Wor. Bro. S. Beaumont and several members of Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, were present. The

membership of this Lodge is small, but some months previous to my visit a revival of interest has been noticeable, and three candidates had been recently accepted, one of whom was initiated on the night of my visit, and on that same evening two more were proposed. The Past Masters are very regular in their attendance. W. Bro. Dr. Wren, who was Master in 1898, came specially from Toronto, where he now resides, to be present at this meeting. The Lodge room is small, but has lately been newly papered and painted, and presents a very neat appearance. The Lodge is fortunate in having for Secretary Wor. Bro. W. R. Kenny, who for thirteen years has filled the office with great satisfaction. He reported the membership to be 31 and the average attendance 14. At the close of the meeting I drove across country through the snow drift to Georgetown, which enabled me to make better railroad connection next morning.

March 13 visited Oakville Lodge, No. 400, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. McCrimmon, of St. Clair Lodge, and W. Bro. Birrell, of Hamilton, who acted as District Secretary. From previous visits to this Lodge I was aware of the excellent manner in which they exemplify the work of the degrees, and this occasion was no exception. The officers give evidence of much practice and drill, and all delivered their charges with confidence and in a clear voice. The Lodge room and its appointments are neat and comfortable. The membership is 84, with an average attendance of 20.

March 16th visited Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed and W. Bros. Dr. McCrimmon and Wm. Birrell. We were met at the railway depot by the W. M. and W. Bros. Beaumont and Harley, and were most cordially received. A large gathering of members were present, also some from Walker Lodge, Acton. This Lodge for some years had trouble among its members and was at a standstill, but the previous Master, W. Bro. Findlay, with the advice and counsel of R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, then District Deputy Grand Master, was successful in uniting the two factions, and perfect harmony has resulted, and already a considerable increase of membership has taken place. The present Master, Wor. Bro. Allen, owing to illness, had not sat in Lodge since his

installation in January, but he opened the Lodge in the various degrees, and with his officers conferred the third degree upon a candidate in a most satisfactory manner. Two candidates were proposed and the prospects for the Lodge are bright.

Since my visit in March Wor. Bro. Findlay has found it necessary to remove his business to St. Catharines, and the members of Credit Lodge before his departure presented him with a gold Past Master's Jewel as a recognition of his services.

April 10 visited Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, accompanied by W. Bros. A. M. Cunningham and Wm. Birrell, of Hamilton. I am pleased to note that a much more cordial feeling exists between the members of the two Lodges in this city than was formerly the case. The W. M. and a number of the officers and members of Doric Lodge were present on this occasion. The Master, Wor. Bro. Jos. Broadbent, and his officers all deserve great praise for the way in which they exemplified the degrees, which were put on in a manner that showed they had taken great pains and devoted much time and thought to the work. The Lodge owes much of its success to the persevering work of the Secretary, R. W. Bro. S. F. Passmore, and I was sorry to hear that affliction in his family prevented him from being present that evening, his mother having died the previous day.

On April 20th I was present at a reception given to the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone, by the six Lodges of the City of Hamilton. Members of the Craft and their lady friends to the number of about 500 assembled to do him honor and to enjoy the event. Most Worshipful Bro. H. Murray, Grand Treasurer, on behalf of the City Lodges, presented the Grand Master with an address, beautifully bound, engrossed and illuminated. An excellent programme of music and elocution was then presented, afterward a splendid supper was provided in the banquet room. The magnificent new hall of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies, as well as the rooms of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Knights Templar were at the disposal of those who chose to play games of various kinds, and the large blue room was used for dancing.

May 8 I visited Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from Val-

ley, Dufferin, Wentworth and St. Andrew's Lodges, and some from the City of Hamilton, including R. W. Bro. T. M. Davis, Grand Registrar. There was a large turnout of the membership of Seymour Lodge, and they are a most enthusiastic lot of Masons. The Lodge has been making steady progress for some years, and is now discussing the advisability of purchasing property in the village for Lodge room purposes. The present Master, W. Bro. Butter, is well skilled, and with his officers has had considerable work, having up to this date initiated eleven during his term of office, and up to the night of my visit two more were balloted for. The membership is 62, with an average attendance of 23. Wor. Bro. Daniels, who for 25 years has been a very regular attendant at all Lodge meetings, was on this occasion presented with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel.

May 14 I visited Valley Lodge, No. 100. A very large gathering was present, about 14 different Lodges being represented. The Lodge has had a prosperous year. Their meeting room is the best in the district excepting the cities of Hamilton and Brantford; but I regret to say that the Wor. Master since his installation last July has only been present at three meetings; but one of the Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Charles Hetnermington, came to the rescue and has carried the Lodge work through the year with credit to himself and the Craft, and upon the evening of my visit he, with the assistance of the officers, initiated a candidate in a manner that brought forth many compliments from those present. A candidate was also waiting for the third degree, but consented to wait until the next meeting. The Lodge has a membership of 75, with an average attendance of 23, during the year six had been initiated, four affiliated and two restored, and several applications have since come before the Lodge, and I think after the election of officers next month that Valley Lodge will have a long season of prosperity.

May 18 visited Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. Malloy and V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, from St. John's Lodge, Hamilton. The City of Brantford was on that evening celebrating the relief of Mafeking, the streets were thronged and fireworks and bonfires were seen everywhere, but nevertheless a large turnout of Masons were on hand in their

beautiful lodge room to welcome me. The lodge has had a prosperous year under the guidance of Wor. Bro. M. Willbee, who has the advice and assistance of R. W. Bros. Dr. Heath and James Liddell, P. D. D. G. M. The second and third degrees were conferred in excellent style by the W. M. and his officers. V. W. Bro. Stewart and a small contingent were present from Seymour Lodge, Ancaster; also brethren from St. George and Burford.

June 1 I visited The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton. This is the oldest lodge in the district, having celebrated its centennial anniversary five years ago. The Lodge has had a very prosperous year. At this meeting the Lodge was opened at 9:30 a.m., and during the day the third degree was conferred upon ten candidates, the work being done by the Masters of the various City Lodges with their officers. The whole day's work was gone through without a hitch in the programme. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone, was present during the latter part of the afternoon, also M. W. Bros. William Gibson and H. Murray, Grand Treasurer. At 7 o'clock the brethren to the number of about 200 adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where dinner was served and a few toasts proposed. At 9 o'clock the lodge was again called on and the traditional history of the degree given to the candidates by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. Then came a very interesting feature of the gathering. The Past Masters retired from the room and returned with a large silk British flag, escorted by a detachment of the 13th Regiment with fixed bayonets. The members of the Lodge joined in singing Rule Britannia, after which R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, on behalf of the Past Masters of Barton Lodge, presented the flag. Wor. Bro. J. P. Steedman made a most eloquent reply in accepting the beautiful gift. The election of officers was then proceeded with, a very choice musical programme being carried on at the same time.

June 18 I visited Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton. This was the last and also one of the most interesting of my visits. Doric Lodge is the youngest Lodge in the city, and by the energy and determination of its officers has of late very much improved its financial position. This was the annual meeting of the Lodge, and

at their request I conducted the election of officers, and the unanimous way in which the election was carried out spoke much for the harmony which prevails in their midst, and if the newly-elected officers can work through the year with the same harmony and success as their predecessors have done, Doric will have a good record to show to my successor. R. W. Bro. Dr. Emory was again elected Secretary, and will prove a great help and adviser to the new officers.

On Sunday, June 24th, I joined with the brethren of the Lodges in the City of Hamilton in celebrating St. John the Baptist day by attending Divine Service at Christ Church Cathedral. The service was most ably conducted by Bro. Rev. E. M. Bland and Wor. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt. The brethren did not walk in procession from the Lodge room as formerly, but met at the Sunday School adjoining the Church, and at the appointed time put on their regalia and entered the Church in a body. The attendance was large and the collection very liberal.

In conclusion, I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the Hamilton District for their kindness shown to me during my term of office, especially to those who often at great inconvenience to themselves accompanied me on my visits. Nearly all the Lodges have paid me the usual fee towards my expenses; and I have received from Strict Observance, No. 27; St. John's, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61; Burlington, No. 166, and Temple, No. 324, most beautiful tokens of remembrance, which I shall always prize among my most treasured keepsakes, not on account of their intrinsic value, which is indeed considerable, but because of the memories they will always recall of this my year of office, which has been one of the pleasantest of my life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

F. A. LATSHAW, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & M. A. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No 8, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.			Degree's conf rd.			Suspend- ions, N. P. D.	Suspend- ions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.				Regular.	Emergent.	Total.										
6	Barton Obs.	Hamilton	334	21	...	20	...	...	5	3	1	3	12	5	17	61	\$73 68	27	\$105 85	...	Good.	Exc'ellent	Yes	General.
27	St. John s.	"	279	8	...	7	7	5	6	...	2	13	13	1	14	61	58 52	27	300 00	Dec. 27 '99	First Cl's	Exc'ellent	Yes	Joint.
40	St. John s.	Brantford	355	...	...	11	13	15	5	8	6	2	13	2	15	49	107 92	86	300 00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
41	St. John s.	Brantford	126	6	...	12	7	10	...	5	...	1	13	5	18	19	30 00	43	117 67	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Bright.	Yes	\$ 150
57	Harmony	Burlington	56	5	...	4	3	3	...	...	2	13	2	15	18	18	27 00	32	179 00	Jun. 24 '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	800
61	Acacia	Hamilton	268	11	...	15	13	13	3	2	4	3	3	4	17	40	126 25	58	16 75	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	Joint.
62	St. Andrews	Calcutta	36	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	13	13	13	14	14	5 00	5	233 26	Dec. 37 '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	150
100	Valley	Dundas	77	9	...	6	4	4	1	2	...	13	13	13	14	14	5 00	5	246 00	Jan. 26 1900	Good.	Good.	No	500
111	Doric	Brantford	169	...	...	3	11	14	15	6	2	13	13	13	23	31	83 00	19	60 00	Dec. 1899	Improvg	V Good	Yes	1,500
135	St. Clair	Milton	57	7	...	5	4	3	1	1	...	11	4	18	18	18	36 00	20	14 73	July, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300
165	Burlington	Burlington	53	1	...	4	2	2	...	1	2	12	8	20	32	21	107 60	21	60 00	Dec. 31 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	60	8	...	5	7	4	2	1	7	12	8	20	32	21	107 60	21	60 00	Dec. 31 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
219	Credit	Georgetown	60	8	...	5	7	4	2	1	7	12	8	20	32	21	107 60	21	60 00	Dec. 31 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
243	St. George.	St. George	50	5	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	13	16	16	16	16	57 00	8	60 73	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	267
272	Seymour	Ancaster	62	12	...	11	9	8	1	...	...	13	16	16	16	16	57 00	8	60 73	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	500
274	Duff rin	W. Flamboro.	48	...	...	1	3	2	2	...	...	13	14	23	14	15	25 00	16	120 23	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	150
321	Temple.	Acton	31	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	12	14	15	15	15	5 00	24	150 00	Jun. 24 '99	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	200
324	Temple.	Hamilton	256	20	...	14	12	14	6	1	5	12	12	14	14	14	35 00	46	19 00	Dec. 27 '99	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	200
357	W. aterdown	Millgrove	42	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	12	13	13	14	14	4 50	33	141 00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	Joint.
332	Doric.	Hamilton	147	12	...	8	11	10	...	5	12	12	13	13	14	14	4 50	33	49 50	Jun. 24 '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	150
400	Oakville	Oakville	84	...	...	1	3	3	...	...	...	12	13	13	17	17	21 00	39	127 00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	Joint.
			137	...	...	1	3	3	...	...	...	12	13	13	17	17	21 00	39	154 25	Dec. 27 '99	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

*The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers and
 Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada,
 in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following brief report of the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, for the year 1899 to 1900.

Before doing so I should like to place on record my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred on me last July in electing me to the most important office in their gift, that of D. D. G. M., and for their continued courtesy and kindness to me throughout my term of office, ably seconding my efforts for the good of Masonry in the district, and generously overlooking my shortcomings and mistakes.

My first official act was to appoint that staunch old Mason, V. W. Bro. J. H. Dickinson, P. M. of Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg, as District Secretary, to whom I am deeply indebted for the able and painstaking manner in which he performed the duties of his office, and for his company and counsel in several of my official visits. I also appointed the Rev. Dr. Caswell, S. W. of Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford, as District Chaplain.

I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of my office and have visited all of the Lodges, with the exception of two, in the district, the reason of these exceptions will be explained in the adjoined report of official visits, and have wherever possible visited the Lodges on their regular meeting night. From the want of good railway or other communication between distant Lodges in the district this has not always been possible.

I am pleased to be able to report that Masonry throughout the district is in a very satisfactory condition and is flourishing. There is everywhere an in-

creasing desire among the officers of the different lodges to secure uniformity and perfection in the work.

While the membership of the lodges has almost without exception been steadily growing, it has been increasing not at the expense of quality, but so far as I have been able to judge the new members entering have been of the very highest class, "just and upright men of sound judgment and strict morals," and likely to prove a credit to the Craft in every way. Another sign of prosperity throughout the district is the fact of so many of the Lodges refurnishing or redecorating their rooms, or adding fresh furniture or fittings improving the beauty of their surroundings during labor.

Another encouraging sign is the fact that, as foreseen and hinted at by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Morgan, two of the weakest lodges in the jurisdiction previously have become leaders in the quality of work done, in increase of membership, and in general progressiveness. I refer to Simcoe Lodge and Georgian Lodge. Much of this is undoubtedly due to the universal efforts of R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, who toiled early and late with them, but a great deal is also due to the painstaking care and splendid Masonic enthusiasm of the officers of the respective Lodges.

On the evening of Oct. 27th I had the pleasure of attending and assisting at the dedication of the new home of Simcoe Lodge, Bradford. They now have a beautiful set of rooms, most artistically furnished and most complete for Masonic purposes. The dedicatory services were conducted by the G. M., M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, assisted by R. Wor. Bros. Morgan, Broughton and many other distinguished brethren from Toronto, Barrie, Beeton, Cookstown, Clarksburg and surrounding Lodges. After the service, which proved the brethren of Simcoe Lodge, enthusiastic Masons, was concluded, the visiting brethren were entertained at a banquet, which demonstrated beyond cavil that they were one and all Past Masters in the art of entertaining.

I issued dispensations to Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, Spry Lodge, Beeton, and Manito Lodge, Collingwood, to attend Divine Service on June 24th, the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

I would join with many of the P. D. D. G. M.'s in

hoping that some arrangement can be made, so that all officers of lodges should be elected in May or June, so that the D. D. G. M. may begin making his official visits at once instead of crowding them into the short space of five or six months. In a district like the Georgian, where Lodges are widely scattered, it is almost impossible to do full justice to yourself or to the Lodges under the present circumstances.

I had the honor of installing the newly-elected officers of Beaver Lodge on the 27th December, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

By the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I had made arrangements to represent him at the laying of the corner stone of St. Thomas' Church, Brooke, a suburb of Owen Sound, when the ceremony for local reasons was postponed. I was then asked by telephone from the pastor, at almost the eleventh hour, if it would be possible to lay the stone on July 2nd. I was then in Militia Camp at Niagara, and replied that I would try and arrange it. On my return home I found that other engagements had been made for me, and was reluctantly compelled to reply that the pressing emergencies of my public and private avocations would prevent my officiating. However, I wrote for dispensation to be issued to R. Wor. Bro. James McLaughlan to perform the ceremony, and I have no doubt from my knowledge of that gentleman, both privately and Masonically, that the stone was "well and truly laid" and in a manner most satisfactory to all concerned.

Died: Bro. Lewis J. Alger, Simcoe Lodge.

Bro. A. A. Ingersoll, Beaver Lodge.

Bro. Maxwell Hall, Orillia Lodge.

Bro. Andrew W. McCarthy, Orillia Lodge.

Bro. Henry Harper, Kerr Lodge.

Bro. James Lindsay, Manito Lodge.

V. Wor. Bro. James Buckley, Georgian Lodge.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: In company with Wor. Bro. Pedwell, I.P. M., of Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg, I visited this Lodge on the evening of Jan. 26th. The night was one of the stormiest of the winter, and consequently the attendance was not as large as was expected, and instead of four initiations, one passing and one raising, on the notices, the absence of some of the candidates made it possible to get through

the work in reasonable time. There was a goodly number of P. M.'s in the East, including R. W. Bro. Broughton and V. Wor. Bro. Boddy. This Lodge has passed through many vicissitudes, having been burned out no less than five times since the charter was originally issued to it, and one of the most interesting relics it possesses is the charter enclosed in a deep frame, which was saved, charred, but still serviceable from their last fire. In another place I have referred to the dedication of their new and beautifully fitted hall, which I attended on Oct. 27th, 1899. The work presented before me on the evening of my official visit was undoubtedly the best exemplified in any of the Lodges in my district, and was absolutely faultless. This is no doubt due to the enthusiasm and determination to be perfect, displayed by the W. M., Wor. Bro. Orton and his able Wardens, Bros. Oldham and Scanlon, whose example is faithfully followed by the other officers. This Lodge also possesses an exceptionally good Secretary in the person of Bro. George R. Coombes, whose good work has had no doubt much to do with the success of this, the banner Lodge of the district. Before closing I might state that this Lodge has increased in membership over fifty per cent during the year, and that the quality of the new members is of the very best.

After labor was over we retired and enjoyed a bountiful repast, and most pleasant hour or two of speech and song in the fourth degree.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: According to the usual custom of the good brethren of Owen Sound, they met together on the occasion of the visit of the D. D. G. M., the result being as usual a grand success. They possess a beautiful Lodge room, which on this occasion was filled with P. M.'s, many being obliged, for want of room, to take seats below the dais. Among those in the East were R. Wor. Bros. Creasor, McKnight, McLaughlan and Bishop, and many other staunch Masons. Wor. Bros. Dickinson and Pedwell and Bro. Smith, of Beaver Lodge, accompanied me on this visit.

It being the regular meeting of St. George's Lodge, the lodge was opened in the first degree by the officers of this Lodge, and the regular business transacted, up to the order of conferring degrees. The officers of

North tSar Lodge then took the chairs and conferred the first degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner indeed, the work of Wor. Bro. Wright being particularly good, both in opening and also in the degree work. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees and the officers of St. George's Lodge took the chairs and exemplified the third degree, and then closed in the different degrees. The work throughout was exceedingly well done, and the harmony existing between the two Lodges is a living example of that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons. Both of these Lodges are blessed with excellent Secretaries in the persons of Bro. John Ruthertord and Bro. W. P. Telford. After the lodge was closed we adjourned from labor to refreshment in their fine banquet hall and enjoyed a sumptuous repast. Two or three hours were spent in that social and fraternal intercourse, interspersed with speech and song which Masons so thoroughly know how to enjoy and appreciate.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: In company with a number of the brethren of Beaver No. 234, I visited Manito Lodge, No. 90, on the evening of Feb. 14, and was received with that cordiality and true Masonic kindness characteristic of the brethren of this Lodge. There was a large turnout of the members, and the East was well filled by Past Masters, among whom were R. Wor. Bros. Nettleton, Toner and Avlesworth. The opening and closing of the different degrees was exceedingly well done, but I regret to say that I was disappointed in the work of conferring degrees, not that it was not well done, but that the work of exemplifying degrees in Manito has always, in my experience, been of so high an order that my expectations in that direction were not realized. I have many times seen it done much better when just dropping in to visit them, and can only conclude that the officers must have had an off night; in fact this is probably the case, as a number of them had attended a big Red Cross Ball the night before. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and has a full list of highly capable officers, among whom I might mention the S. W., Bro. D. Knight, and the Secretary, Bro. T. H. White, whose neatly and correctly kept books and prompt attention to corres-

pondence place him second to none among the many good Masonic Secretaries in this district. After closing down all repaired to their splendid banquet hall, where two or three hours were spent in the enjoyable manner in which Manito Lodge so well knows how to make it pleasant for their visitors.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I visited this celebrated old Lodge on the night of March 1st, the night made memorable by the receipt of the news of the relief of Ladysmith, and found the loyal old town of Barrie celebrating it in the most approved manner by an impromptu patriotic meeting in the Opera House, which was attended by many hundreds. I was received at the station by my old friend, R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Wor. Bros. Barnum and Cowan, and Bro. J. H. Willis, S. W. of the Lodge, by whom I was most hospitably entertained during my stay. On arrival at their beautiful Lodge room we found it very well filled. Indeed it may fairly be considered a very large attendance considering the circumstances. The East was completely filled by P. M.'s, including R. Wor. Bros. D. McWatt and Fletcher. The work as exemplified by Wor. Bro. Barnum and his officers was very well done, indeed, but still in this case, as in that of some of the other Lodges, it could have been, and has been, done better in my presence. While the work of the W. M. and his Wardens was excellent, it was marred by the imperfect work of some of the appointed officers, and to produce perfect work, not only the principal officers, but even what may be considered the least important officer of the Lodge, must be perfect, otherwise the effect as a whole, is to a certain extent spoiled. I must refer to the excellent work of the Secretary, Bro. Wilkes, whose books are beautifully kept. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of some handsome pieces of plate to that widely known and true Mason, R. Wor. Bro. D. MacWatt, who has never spared himself in the interests of Masonry in general, but more particularly in advancing the welfare of Corinthian Lodge. The occasion was his departure from among them to take up his duties as a Judge in a distant county, a position to which his eminent abilities justly entitled him. A great many members of Kerr, the Sister Lodge, and of other Lodges, were present, and during the evening

members kept dropping in who had felt it their duty to attend the Patriotic meeting, and by the time work was over and we retired to the banquet room to refresh ourselves after our labors, the seating capacity was tried to its utmost. After a sumptuous repast the time passed swiftly with speech and song until the "wee sma' hours agant the twae" forced us to separate, "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: In company with some of the members of Beaver No. 234, I visited this Lodge on the evening of Feb. 16th, their regular meeting night. There was a large attendance of members, and the East was well filled with P. M.'s. The work of opening and closing in the different degrees, and the conferring of the first degree upon a very healthy looking 200-pound Masonic infant, was exceedingly well done by Wor. Bro. L. Boyd and his officers. This Lodge is prospering and increasing largely in membership, owing no doubt largely to the excellent work and enthusiasm of the W.M. While I am pleased that this should be the case, still I am sufficiently conservative to view with some degree of apprehension a very rapid increase in the membership of a lodge, fearing that in their desire to make their lodge a success, the members may possibly sacrifice quality to quantity, which is one of the greatest mistakes that can possibly be made, leading almost invariably to future disaster. After our labors were concluded we adjourned to the banquet room of the Lodge, where a very pleasant time was spent in refreshment, speech and song. I had also the pleasure of attending a Masonic supper and impromptu musical entertainment given by the members of this Lodge to their wives and lady friends on the evening of Feb. 6th, which was an immense success and of this Lodge to their wives and lady friends on the evening in which Masonry has always been held by the fair sex of the pretty little town of Meaford.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: On the evening of Good Friday, April 13th, I visited Orillia Lodge, No. 192. There was a very good attendance of members, and the East was well filled with P. M.'s, among whom I was pleased to see my old friend, R. Wor. Bro. Roper, one of the most enthusiastic members of this splendid Lodge. They have one of the most beautifully ap-

pointed and most perfectly fitted Lodge rooms in the district. Whether it was that the date of my visit, the 13th, had anything to do with it or not, but the whole visit seemed to resolve itself into a chapter of minor accidents. Before Lodge opened I was informed that the W. M., Bro. Dr. Ardagh, had been summoned by telegram some thirty miles away, to attend a critical case; one of the other officers had been suddenly called to Toronto, and one was with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Things looked blue for a successful meeting, and on my arrival at the Lodge room this impression was greatly intensified by the fact that the air of the room was literally blue and suffocating with smoke, resulting from something having gone wrong with the furnace, necessitating the compulsory withdrawal at intervals of members who were unable to stand the effects of the smoke. In spite of these drawbacks, the work of opening and closing in the several degrees was proceeded with. I. P. M. Bro. Gilchrist and P.M. Bro. Tudhope alternated in the chair, with the result that I had the pleasure of seeing the work exemplified by these brethren and the other officers, many of whom were substitutes, in a most perfect manner, and I was assured by them that had I been able to see it done by the regular officers I should have witnessed a very much better exemplification, a statement which I found myself very loth to believe. After labor an adjournment was made to their elegant banquet room, where a sumptuous repast awaited us, and the discomforts of the Lodge room were forgotten in an impromptu entertainment of speech and song, principally musical, which would have done credit to the best concert programme, for as a vocalist the Orillia Mason, individually and collectively, is a howling success.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: On Nov. 20th, 1899, I visited Kerr Lodge, Barrie, where I was most hospitably entertained during my stay by that most enthusiastic Mason and prince of good fellows, R. Wor. Bro. J. C. Morgan. There was a splendid attendance of members and officers belonging to the Lodge, and also of the Sister Lodge, Corinthian, and the East was filled to overflowing with P. M.'s belonging to both Lodges. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in splendid style by the officers. The exemplification

of the first degree was done in a most creditable manner by the W. M., Bro. Marr, and his officers, notwithstanding the evident nervousness of the W. M. The Junior Warden's lecture was splendidly given by the J. W., Bro. Foncar, and the charge was most impressive as delivered by the S.W., Bro. Hangton Lennox. Mention must also be made of the good work done by the J. D., Bro. Wilson. Kerr Lodge is also to be congratulated on the fact of having so thoroughgoing a Secretary as Bro. Fred N. Lloyd. After the regular work was concluded several of the recently raised brethren were subjected to a most searching cross-examination by R. Wor. Bros. Morgan, Wor. Bro. Jory and myself and several other P. M.'s, all members being invited to put questions, and no question being barred relating in any way to Masonry. The result was that the questions were answered in the most satisfactory manner, reflecting the greatest credit on the instructors and showing the value of thorough instruction not only in the regular questions, but in everything referring in any way to the degrees, the Lodge, or Masonry in general. I understand that R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan was the originator of the idea of the more perfect instruction of the brethren, and I am free to confess I picked up several points myself from the examination as conducted in Kerr Lodge, and most heartily approve of its extension. After an evening which was certainly profitable to myself and, I hope, of some benefit to the Lodge, we retired to refresh ourselves after labor, in the spacious banqueting hall of the Lodge. After a most recherche supper a couple of hours were spent most enjoyably by all in speech, song and story, until the J. W.'s toast admonished us that the best of friends must part in sorrow, to meet again in joy.

Beaver Lodge, No. 231. Clarksburg: I visited this, my Mother, Lodge officially on the evening of Feb. 13, 1900, their regular meeting night. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and the East was well filled with P. M.'s. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the first degree conferred on a candidate. Being a regular attendant at the Lodge, I can only say that Beaver Lodge prides itself on the quality of its work, and that the work as exemplified this evening did no discredit to their own

opinion of it. The Lodge is steadily prospering on very conservative lines, believing that nothing but the best material is good enough for membership in it. The regular attendance is good and I can see nothing but prosperity ahead for it, when counseled and looked after by such staunch Masons as R. W. Bro. Pye, V. W. Bro. Dickinson, Wor. Bros. Hartman, Carroll, Pedwell, Lewis, and many others whose interest in Masonry and the Lodge seems to increase rather than diminish as the years roll by. After the regular work was over we adjourned to partake of a most elaborate repast prepared, no doubt, as a token of appreciation of the honor again conferred upon Beaver Lodge by the election of one of her members to the office of D. D. G. M.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: I visited Manitoba Lodge on their regular meeting night, March 20th, and was most agreeably surprised at the quality of the work presented before me. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and Rev. Bro. McLennan was passed to the second degree in a very creditable manner. There was a very fair attendance of members and some visitors from Spry Lodge, Beeton, including the W. M., Bro. Reynolds, and Wor. Bro. Croft. This Lodge has been prospering lately and increasing their membership in a very satisfactory manner, and by the zeal displayed hopes may be fairly held out of its continuing. The Lodge room, however, is too small, and it would be highly advisable to secure more commodious quarters. After the work was concluded adjournment was made to refresh ourselves after labor, where a couple of hours of speech and song brought to a close an evening which was not the least enjoyable of my official visits.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland: By the courtesy of the W. M., Bro. Raikes, in calling an emergency meeting, I was enabled to visit this Lodge on the evening of Feb. 2nd. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Kenny, the Worshipful Master of Georgian Lodge, No. 348, of Penetang. We drove over from Penetang through a tremendous snowstorm, and were most cordially received by the brethren. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was only fair. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and a reverend candidate was initiated in a most credit-

able manner. The work was not perfect, owing to some of the officers not having given sufficient attention to it, but the work of the W. M., Bro. Raikes, and that of the I. G. was exceptionally good. The Secretary, Bro. Wallbridge, is also an excellent officer. The prospects of this Lodge under the guidance of the very able W. M. should be excellent, and the membership is increasing most satisfactorily. The town of Midland is booming and the membership should be rapidly augmented in the near future. After labor we adjourned to refreshment, and at this the officers and members of Caledonian Lodge proved that in the exemplification of the fourth degree they could be surpassed by none.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: I now approach one of the painful duties of a D. D. G. M. I have written to Stayner several times to endeavor to get a meeting that I might visit them. I received an answer from the last W. M. that they had not been able to get a meeting since the regular meeting in December, 1899, when the officers were duly elected. Since then I am informed by Wor. Bro. Harold Sheppard in a letter dated May 30th, 1900, that they have not been able to secure a quorum. Early in July I received a letter from Bro. D. McLeod, stating that he had been duly elected W. M. in December and asking me to pay them an official visit, if possible, that week, and install the officers. This, of course, was impossible without having proper notice given of the meeting and a dispensation granted. I understand that there are internal dissensions in the Lodge. I had intended to visit the town and investigate, but the pressure of business, Masonic and otherwise, prevented me. I would suggest that this be done, and if matters are as I understand them, I can see nothing to do in the best interests of Masonry, than to advise the removal of the charter.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: In company with Wor. Bro. Pedwell, I. P. M. of Beaver Lodge, No. 234. I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 11th. There was a large turnout of members and a goodly number of visitors from Bradford Cookstown, and other towns. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and a brother passed to the second degree in a most exemplary manner, the chief objection being that the charge was read to the candidate. Un-

fortunately the W. M. of the Lodge was a non-resident, but in spite of this the membership increased to some extent, and with a resident W. M., which I have no doubt they will have next year, I can see no reason why the progress should not be entirely satisfactory. The membership is evidently of a very good class and work harmoniously together, and the Lodge room is all that could be desired. After labor we adjourned to the banquet room of the hall and spent an hour or two most enjoyably in the usual Masonic manner.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I was unable to visit the Lodge by reason of the fact that their membership is small, only twenty, and a number of these are away in Manitoba. I wrote several times to try to secure a meeting, but received the reply as above, invariably requesting me to postpone my visit, as it was very doubtful whether a quorum could be secured. I understand, however, that while the work is not by any means perfect, the membership is very steadfast, attending to their Masonic duties and holding well together in spite of the small number of their members.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: In company with Bro. Smith, of Beaver Lodge, No. 234, I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 16th, at their regular meeting. There was a very good turnout of members, some of them coming from a very considerable distance to be present. The East was well filled with P. M.'s. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the first and third degrees exemplified very creditably by Wor. Bro. Boyd and his officers. This Lodge has been receiving quite an addition to its members during the past year, and the prospects are very bright. The membership is evidently made up of workers, no doubt following the excellent example of such P. M.'s as Wor. Bros. Richardson, Mitchell, Belamy and Carter. In addition to their Lodge work they evidently believe in enjoying themselves, as I received an invitation to picnic with them at Eugenia Falls on June 20th, which I was unable to accept, being in camp at Niagara. After labor we retired to the banquet room to refresh ourselves at a most tastefully decorated table prepared by the wives of the members, showing that they, too, take an active interest, where a short time was most enjoyably spent. Before closing I must refer

to the noble work which this Lodge is doing for one of their members who has been bedridden for years, and who assured me that the members of Prince Arthur lodge never tired in their efforts to make his lot less hard to bear by kindly offices and substantial assistance.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetang: In company with R. Wor. Bro. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., who had put himself to great inconvenience to be with me, I visited this Lodge on the evening of Feb. 1. There was a fair turnout of members and a number of visitors from Midland, including Wor. Bro. Raikes, of Caledonian Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a most perfect manner. The first degree was conferred upon a most intelligent candidate almost faultlessly; in fact, had it not been for insufficient preparation on the part of one of the minor officers, it would have been most difficult to decide between Simcoe and Georgian Lodges as to which did the most perfect work; but by the negligence of this single officer he has placed his Lodge in second place. Otherwise the staff of officers under the W. M., Bro. Kenny, is most efficient. The Lodge is progressing in membership and prospects are bright for it. They have sustained a great loss during the last year by the death of one of their most enthusiastic and hard-working brethren in the person of the late V. W. Bro. J. Buckley, who was almost as well known as the town itself. After labor adjournment was made to the Hotel Canada, where a most elaborate banquet had been prepared, and where we were joined by the wives and lady friends of the members, who thus had another opportunity of learning how Masons enjoy themselves when with their brethren, and they evidently appreciated it thoroughly, for they seemed almost more inclined to continue and make a night of it than did the members themselves.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 15th, it being an emergency meeting. There was a very small attendance of members, partly on account of an important meeting of the Town Council. The esteemed Secretary of this Lodge, Wor. Bro. Chas. Mason, has been for some time confined to his house through illness, and was unable to attend the Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a very creditable manner.

There being no candidate, the first degree was conferred on a volunteer. While the work was very correctly done, it was so hurried as to lose entirely the impressiveness which is so necessary to the proper exemplification of all degrees. This perhaps was due to some extent to the absence of the S. and J. W.'s, who were attending Council. Altogether this was the most unsatisfactory visit I made. There seemed to be an entire absence of the true Masonic spirit. It seemed to be the desire of officers and members to rush through the work and get home at the earliest possible moment, sacrificing entirely the dignity of the work to a desire to get through with it in the shortest time possible.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited Spry, No. 385, on the evening of March 21, at their regular meeting. There was an immense attendance, including large contingents from Bradford, Alliston, Cookstown and other places, filling the commodious hall to overflowing, while the East was quite inadequate for the number of P. M.'s present, among whom were W. Bros. Boddy and Orton, of Simcoe Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in exceptionally good style, and the first degree was conferred very well indeed by the W. M., Bro. Reynolds, and his officers. I regretted that the charge was omitted, as none of the officers were able to give it. This has occurred in other Lodges, and I have invariably urged upon them the desirability of delivering the charges to the candidates in the same way as the other work, in order to render it impressive and to bring out the true beauty of the work. After labor was finished we retired to the banquet hall of the Lodge, where was served a splendid repast. After the inner man was satisfied a couple of hours was spent in speech, song and story, developing the fact that Spry Lodge and its visitors understand the art of making the fourth degree quite as perfect as any of the others.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 404, Creemore: In company with Wor. Bro. Pedwell, I.P.M. of Beaver Lodge, No. 234, I visited Nitetic Lodge on the evening of April 10th, at an emergency meeting. There was a fair attendance considering the small membership of this Lodge, and several P. M.'s were in the East, including Wor. Bro. H. M. C. Wright, of Alliston. The lodge was opened

in the several degrees in first class style. There being no regular candidate, one of the brethren volunteered to act, and the first degree was conferred upon him in a most creditable manner by the W. M., Bro. Brown, and his officers. The utmost harmony exists among the members, and the membership is slowly but steadily increasing. The Lodge room is neatly but plainly furnished, and if the present enthusiasm continues I have no doubt that Nitetis Lodge will become a credit to the Craft.

Before bidding farewell officially to the brethren, I would like to return my most hearty and sincere thanks to the officers and members of the different Lodges in this district, from whom I have invariably received the most perfect courtesy and kindness; to the Secretaries, those hard-worked and most underestimated officers of the different Lodges, and to the brethren who have so kindly accompanied and assisted me in my official visits, among whom I might mention R. Wor. Bro. Morgan, Wor. Bro. Pedwell, and last, but by no means least, my most efficient District Secretary, V. Wor. Bro. J. H. Dickinson.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRED D. KENT, D. D. G.M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

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NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the past year of Niagara District, No. 10.

I am pleased to report that the condition of nearly every one of the 21 Lodges is good and the prospects bright. As a rule the Lodges were presided over by officers who were thoroughly devoted to the best interests of the Craft. The arrearages for dues in some cases were too large, but there seemed to be a general desire to obviate the difficulty. Wise and judicious action on the part of the Secretaries will accomplish this result. I am pleased to report that there has been the utmost harmony throughout the district. Progress has been the watchword, and I think that the year just closed has been one of the most satisfactory that we have had for some time. My visits to all the Lodges were paid on their regular nights of meeting, except in the City of St. Catharines, where a large union rally of the three Lodges took place. The reception accorded me as the representative of the Grand Master was most cordial and hearty, and I count this as the brightest and best year of my Masonic career.

No. 2, Niagara Lodge, Niagara-on-the-Lake: I visited this Lodge on February 14th, 1900, and witnessed an exemplification of the F. C. degree. The work was exceedingly well performed, and while all the officers acquitted themselves so well, I cannot but mention the very impressive manner of the S. W. and S. D., both young and zealous officers. V. W. Bro. Clement, one of the oldest P. M.'s in the district, presented the working tools in a most creditable way. There was a large attendance of P.Ms. I was most hospitably entertained by the brethren and learned very much of the very in-

teresting history of this—one of the oldest Lodges within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

No. 7, Union Lodge, Grimsby: My official visit was made on March 15th, 1900. The work for the evening was the conferring of the second degree. W. Bro. Cole and his assistant officers rendered the work in faultless style. There was a large attendance of members, with visitors from Ivy Lodge and a number from Hamilton. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Forbes, is a most enthusiastic Mason and performs his duties to the satisfaction of all. It also afforded me very great pleasure to attend the Centennial of this Lodge, which was celebrated at Grimsby Park in August, 1899. This event brought together a large number of the Craft. M. W. Bro. Gibson presided both at the meeting in the pavilion and at the banquet in the evening, which was a very elaborate affair. The history of this Lodge is a most interesting and instructive one, and this was certainly a red-letter day in Union No. 7.

No. 15, St. George, St. Catharines: A union meeting of the three City Lodges—St. George, Maple Leaf and Temple—was held on February 7th. It had been arranged that St. George should confer the third degree, but lack of time prevented. However, I have every reason to believe that this is one of the best working Lodges in the district. Bro. Lindsay, the Secretary, is a most painstaking and efficient officer, and the prospects of this Lodge are encouraging.

No. 32, Amity, Dunnville: My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 25th, the occasion being the Semi-Centennial. The brethren termed it the "Old Men's Night." R. W. Bros. Parry and Tipton filled the Master's and Secretary's offices respectively. There was no work for the night, but the Lodge was opened and closed in ancient form, and it was very interesting to the younger brethren. The Secretary read letters of regret from many prominent brethren, including the Grand Master. R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, of Welland, a Mason of fifty years' standing, was present, and with many others of the "Old Guard" spoke eloquently on the beauties of the Craft. A very high-toned banquet brought the meeting to a close. The brethren of Dunnville are royal entertainers, and Amity Lodge is justly proud of its history.

No. 35, St. John's, Cayuga: I made an official visit to this Lodge on May 17th. This is the home of my talented and zealous predecessor, R. W. Bro. Hoshal. My expectations in finding this a model Lodge were not disappointed. While no work was performed (the candidate failing to appear), the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees to my entire satisfaction. The attendance of members was large and the utmost harmony prevails. My predecessor took special care to make the visit pleasant in every way. The hospitality of the brethren was unbounded, and I reckon this visit among the most delightful duties of the year.

No. 103, Maple Leaf, St. Catharines: I made an official visit to the above Lodge on the evening of February 7th, 1900. It was a union meeting of the three City Lodges. Great preparations had been made, and the brethren must have felt much satisfaction in realizing their efforts so well repaid. The M. W. the Grand Master was present and received an ovation at the hands of the brethren. A large number from every part of the district attended, as well as a contingent from the City of Buffalo. W. Bro. Leubsdorf and his officers conferred the work of the first degree. In the presence of so many distinguished brethren it may have been more trying than usual, but I wish to congratulate Maple Leaf on the ability and zeal shown by its presiding officers. After the lodge was closed the brethren to the number of over 200 sat down to one of the finest banquets I have ever attended. In reply to the toast of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Malone gave one of his eloquent and characteristic addresses. There were also replies from our American cousins, and thus ended one of my most pleasant and profitable official visits.

No. 105, St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South: I paid my official visit to St. Mark's on April 10th, 1900. A very sad event marred the enjoyment of the evening. While the Lodge was in session it was announced that one of the brethren, James Lowell, ex-M.P., had just expired. There was no work on hand but the brethren opened and closed in good form. R. W. Bro. Garner, one of my predecessors, has been acting as Secretary, but I believe has since resigned. The officers seemed active and interested in their duties and I am sure this Lodge has reason to expect good results in the future.

W. Bro. Hull has accepted the Secretaryship, and will no doubt prove a very efficient officer.

No. 115 Ivy, Beamsville: I accepted an invitation to pay this Lodge my official visit on the night of installation, Dec. 27th, 1899, when I assisted in installing the officers for the year. There was a good representation of the members from Barton and Doric Lodges, Hamilton, and from Union Lodge, Grimsby. The exemplification of the first degree was given with great exactness and precision by V. W. Bro. Ritchie and his officers. M. W. Bro. Gibson read the charge in his usual impressive manner. The brethren showed every courtesy and made my visit most agreeable and pleasant. The banquet in the Lodge Room after lodge was closed was an occasion of much interest and elicited addresses from many visiting brethren. Ivy is one of the strongest Lodges, numerically and financially, in the district.

No. 168, Merritt, Welland: I paid my official visit to this, my Mother Lodge, at its regular meeting March 12th, 1900. The work for the evening consisted in conferring the E. A. degree. The exemplification was all that could be desired. W. Bro. Ross and his assistant officers are enthusiastic Masons, and I look for great prosperity during their tenure of office. The brethren turned out in good numbers to welcome one of their own members, who had been so highly honored by the representatives of the old Niagara District. The block in which the Lodge Room is situated was burned last year, and much inconvenience was the result. However, after a delay of months, the Lodge has been meeting regularly, and although sustaining quite a financial loss by reason of the fire, will soon be in a flourishing condition again, and at every meeting visitors from Copestone are to be found ready, if necessary, to assist in the work.

No. 169, Macnab, Port Colborne: Made an official visit to this Lodge on March 13th. A large number of brethren from Merritt and Copestone accompanied me. In the absence of any degree work, the W. M. W. Bro. Ellsworth, opened and closed in the several degrees. This was fairly done. There was a large attendance of Past Masters, who seemed to take a good deal of interest in the discussions of the evening. A petition was re-

ceived so that work would likely be in order in a short time. Judging from what I observed there is ample material here to make a first-class working Lodge. We were most cordially and hospitably entertained at the banquet, and pronounce this visit as among the many pleasant ones during my term of office.

No. 185, Ennisikllen, York: I paid my official visit on June 11th. Bro. Bain met me at Cayuga and drove me to his residence, York, a distance of six miles, where I was entertained during my stay. This Lodge suffered severely by fire, but the members through their untiring zeal and energy have erected another building which does credit to them. It is not quite fully equipped, but I have no doubt soon will be. There was nothing in the way of work, but a very profitable evening was spent. W. Bro. Nelles opened and closed in the three degrees in a way creditable to himself and officers. The Secretary, W. Bro. Scudamore, is careful and zealous, and keeps his books neatly and correctly. I met a number of brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, who drove down during the evening. This Lodge has a number of Past Masters who are well skilled in the work, and the prospects are bright for the future.

No. 221, Mountain, Thorold: I visited this Lodge on Dec. 13th, 1899. The attendance of members was large and there was quite a number of brethren from the City of St. Catharines present, among them being my old personal friend, W. Bro. Stevenson. R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, was also present and gave a very practical address on matters relating to the Craft. The election of officers being concluded—and I may add that a splendid lot of young members were chosen—the work of initiating a candidate was proceeded with. W. Bro. Oxley seemed a trifle nervous at first but soon overcame that feeling, and I was well satisfied with his exemplification. In fact, each officer did well. Bro. Fish, the veteran Secretary, is certainly one of the best in the district. The fourth degree was worked to perfection, and the kindness and courtesy of all the members was everything that could be desired.

No. 254, Clifton, Niagara Falls: Visited Clifton at a regular meeting on February 1st, 1900. I was very much pleased to find W. Bro. Wood, a life-long friend of mine, in the chair. The first degree was worked ad-

mirably, each officer, from the W. M. down, taking his part well. Attendance of members was large, and a few from across the border were present. P. D. D. G. M. I. P. Willson accompanied me. Clifton Lodge certainly deserves the distinction of being one of our very best working and up-to-date Lodges. The banquet afterwards was of a high order, the Mayor of the town and the W. M. being in charge of the table.

No. 277, Seymour, Port Dalhousie: My official visit Seymour was on March 14th, 1900. Out of a total of 15 members present all were P. M.'s but two. In the absence of work the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The utmost harmony seems to prevail. One drawback here is the fact that a good many of the members are employed on the lakes and are unable to attend regularly during the summer months.

No. 296, Temple, St. Catharines: My official visit here was on February 7th, 1900, when a union meeting of the three City Lodges was held. As the officers of St. George conferred the degree, it was arranged that Temple should open and close in the various degrees. This part of the programme was carried out to my entire satisfaction. The officers showed great proficiency, and I have not the slightest doubt are capable of conferring the degrees equally well. This meeting must have been productive of much good not only to but to the other City Lodges.

No. 319, Hiram, Hagersville: I visited this Lodge on April 12th, 1900. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. McNichol, occupied the chair. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, as there was no degree to confer. I was impressed with the very easy manner in which the business of the evening was conducted. The officers were all active and energetic. The luncheon and addresses by a number of the Past Masters were highly enjoyed.

No. 329, King Solomon, Jarvis: My visit was on February 9th, 1900. There was a good attendance and great interest manifested. No degree work was on hand, but the W. M. went through the ceremony of opening and closing in the several degrees. I was well pleased with the way in which it was done. This Lodge is fortunate in having among its members two such dis-

tinguished brethren as R. W. Bros. Noble and Jacques, whose labors in the Niagara district were so highly appreciated. We were most hospitably entertained at the American Hotel.

No. 337, Myrtle, Port Robinson: Visited officially on March 30th, 1900, when I was accompanied by a number of brethren from Welland. The attendance was fair. W. Bro. Bennet opened and closed in the various degrees correctly. The officers of Myrtle are zealous, and it is a pleasure to visit this Lodge. It is very difficult, however, to keep up the interest during the summer, as many of the members are dredgemen and away for the season. The brethren have the happy faculty of giving all visitors the most cordial and hospitable treatment.

No. 338, Dufferin, Wellandport: My visit was made June 12th, 1900. A very good attendance was found, including V. W. Shafley and a number from Merritt and Copestone Lodges. The election of officers was held, and the selections made were all young, enthusiastic and energetic Masons, and predict good results in the future. Here, as elsewhere, I received the greatest hospitality. W sat down to a splendid banquet at Bro. Miller's, when the usual loyal toasts were honored.

No. 372, Palmer, Bridgeburg: My first official visit was made to this Lodge in November, 1899. The brethren turned out in large numbers. Being right on the border there was quite a number of visitors from Buffalo. R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, was also on hand. The third degree was most admirably worked by R. W. Bro. Hurrell; in fact, it impressed me as being the most beautiful rendition I had ever witnessed. Palmer is certainly not behind the evry best working and well-appointed Lodges in this district. W. Bro. John Watts occupies the Secretary's desk, and is in every respect a model officer.

No. 373, Copestone, Welland: I visited officially on March 1st, 1900. The night was bitterly cold and the candidate failed to appear, but the Lodge gave an exhibition of opening and closing which reflected much credit on W. Bro. Sutherland and officers. This Lodge for a number of years past did not make much progress, but under the direction and management of its present W.M. it has taken rank amongst the foremost in

the district. Bro. Mains, the Secretary, who is an energetic and zealous Mason, has rendered much valuable assistance to bring about this happy result. The relations between the two Town Lodges are the most cordial and harmonious.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of Niagara District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the high position of District Deputy Grand Master. It was so unexpected that the appreciation was the greater.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. CROW, D. D. G. M..

Niagara District No. 10.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto West, District No. 11, during the past year, and in doing so I likewise extend my thanks to the brethren of the district for their expression of confidence in me in electing me to the high position of D. D. G. M.

My first appointment was that of W. Bro. David Hoskins to be Secretary of the District.

At the commencement of my official work for the year I caused a circular to be issued to each Lodge in the district containing a notification of my appointment and thereafter notified each lodge in ample time of the date of my official visit, which doubtless accounts in some degree for the good attendance which usually greeted me.

I have visited each Lodge in the district once, and some oftener.

I have granted dispensations to Lodges in pursuance of the powers in me vested, and have remitted all dues payable therefor to the Grand Secretary.

It is desirable that the time of election of officers should be changed so that all the Lodges elect their officers in June. The fact that the D. D. G. M. comes into office in the middle of the official year of many of the private Lodges compels him to visit them during the latter half of the year and thus throws the whole year's work almost entirely into the last six months.

Most, if not all, the Lodges have been wise in selecting the most intelligent and enthusiastic of their members as officers. A bright, painstaking and enthusiastic W. M., imbued with the spirit of Masonry and appreciating its lessons, will bring out the members and maintain interest in the Lodge work.

If the Secretary has like qualities the Lodge is assured of success.

When the sublime truths of Masonry are emphasized in the work by the Master and his Wardens the brethren are sure to be interested.

There is no more beautiful sight than that of the officers and members of the Lodge working together in harmony and enjoying the mutual respect and esteem of each other.

I take occasion to thank the Executive Officers of the Lodges in the district for their promptness in answering communications and assisting me in the discharge of my duties, and can truthfully state that with few exceptions they perform their duties carefully.

Masonry flourishes throughout the district. Its condition is not perfect in every detail, but still progressing and following its teachings ever onward and upward in the exemplification of those grand truths which are represented by the symbols of our Order, and which go so far to promote social intercourse, upbuilding of character, and the moral and intellectual development of the whole race.

We view with sadness the loss of several of our brethren during the last year, but though they are dead, yet they still speak by the example of their words and actions, and would have us remember that there is a land where the word farewell is never uttered and parting is unknown.

At the expense of the district a handsome set of regalia suitable to the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master was presented by me to R. Wor. Bro. Curran Morrison, my predecessor in office.

I had arranged with R. W. Bro. Inwood, my colleague in Toronto East, District No. 111A, to hold a joint Lodge of Instruction in December, but owing to the death of my only brother early in that month, I was called away from home and detained so long that our project in this regard had to be abandoned, and as our official visits began early in January we had not another opportunity, much to our regret.

I have impressed upon all the Lodges the necessity of looking up the non-affiliates and trying to get them back to the Lodge, in order to maintain the influence and prestige of our Order.

I find in many cases the Lodges had made improvement in furniture and equipment in their Lodge rooms, and in this respect the comparison between my term of office and former years is altogether favorable as showing very marked improvements in this particular direction.

Foremost among these is Ashlar Lodge, whose premises at 801 Yonge street, Toronto, are now everything that could be desired, and speak volumes for Wor. Bro. Webster and his officers.

A source of great pleasure to me was to meet many of the older members of the Craft, brethren who in many cases have been among the founders and charter members of their respective Lodges, still retaining not a passive but an active interest in the welfare of their Mother Lodges. This is as it should be, and is in marked distinction to the cases where a brother having had the degrees conferred on him and possibly, enjoyed every honor in the gift of his brethren, permits his interest and enthusiasm to cease, becomes careless and irregular in his attendance, and the benefits of Masonry appear to be as much lost to him as though he had never seen Masonic light.

Fraternal visits between members of different Lodges I have encouraged, as by this means a greater degree of uniformity and perfection can be obtained.

I was delighted to find in nearly every Lodge I visited the active interest taken in the affairs of the Lodge by the Past Masters. They still continue to render valuable aid to the W. Masters and are pillars of strength to their Lodges.

Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work of our beautiful ritual is one of the greatest essentials, I devoted considerable effort to its attainment, and in my visits gave careful instruction where necessary, which was most acceptable to the brethren. I corrected whenever I found it necessary and complimented only where it was deserved.

During my visits I have impressed upon the officers the importance of having frequent practices on work such as the following: Steps and signs in the different degrees; floor work of deacons; questions and answers before an examining board; presentation of working tools; reciting the obligations, etc.

I believe no better means than these can be adopted for arousing and sustaining the interest of the members and for securing a good attendance at the regular meetings.

The harmony which prevails is clearly demonstrated by there not being one instance of a misunderstanding in the district reported to me; and this may be attributed largely to the efficient manner in which the officers govern their respective Lodges, as I know they are men of high moral standing and well qualified to occupy that dignified and honorable position where so much delicacy and tact is required.

I heartily believe in encouraging the social side of Masonry, and I think that the banqueting room is of high importance in promoting fraternal feeling. But I fear that in some instances the expenditure for expenses has been beyond the means of the Lodges and has tended to keep them in straitened circumstances.

Obviously a hard and fast rule for regulating the outlay in the banqueting room cannot be laid down; still the great disproportion in the accounts of some of the Lodges between the outlay for refreshments and that for charity is cause for reflection and readjustment.

I have heartily recommended the holding of festivals and concerts under the auspices of the Order to which ladies and others not Masons could be invited.

There is no doubt that these festivals are highly enjoyable, and will add greatly to the influence and prestige of the Order if they are carefully carried out.

In addressing the Lodges in this district I have in every instance, I think, explained the desire of the Grand Master that earnest efforts be made to restore suspended members to active usefulness in the Lodges.

So far as I have been able to learn, these appeals have not been without their effect. The ground I have taken is that if a worthy brother is unable to pay his dues his Lodge might from time to time cancel his liabilities. This can be done without humiliation to the brother and without record of his name or transaction. A motion could be made that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for a sum to pay the dues of a brother, and nobody but the Master and the Secretary need know the brother is. But if a member can pay his dues and will not there is no course open but that of suspension.

Such men have not the principles of Masonry in their hearts, and the Lodges are better without them than with them.

The prompt collection of dues is also, I find, of moment. If they are allowed to fall into arrears the attendance dwindles, zeal abates and the Lodge grows weak. This is probably the most common obstacle.

I regret very much that the practice of canvassing for office is still practiced to some extent in the district. It has been condemned in Grand Lodge and cannot be too strongly reprobated. An office conferred by the goodwill of the brethren is an evidence of respect and confidence, and, according to its importance, a testimonial of ability, but a personal request for votes is an acknowledgment that the brother could not on his merits obtain the suffrage of his brethren.

Systematic canvassing for candidates should be discouraged. It is impossible to say how far effort on behalf of any brother is permissible, but it is very evident that the use of systematic and sustained electioneering methods is calculated to create cliques and to injure the Order.

On Sunday, 24th June (St. John's Day), the Toronto Districts held a joint Church Service in St. James' Cathedral, where a service was held, presided over by His Lordship Bishop Sweatman. The sermon was preached by Bro. Prof. Wm. Clark (Trinity College), of Ionic Lodge, in presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and a large concourse, nearly 700, of distinguished brethren. The collection was in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children to reduce the liability of the former Toronto District to that Corporation, on the occasion of the institution of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Masonic cot upon which a balance amounting, it is stated, approximately to \$900, was overdue. The collection after payment of expenses netted \$150, which was duly remitted to the Hospital Treasurer, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, who acknowledged it in due course in suitable terms.

Following the example of a distinguished P. D. D. G. M., and in his words I desire to speak in order to enter my earnest protest on the insufficiency of the teaching given to our candidates.

Nearly all are able to answer the set questions, a good

many can give the two obligations, and a few more can prove to the Wardens (without prompting by the Deacons) that they are in possession of the secrets of the degree, but here in the overwhelming majority of cases the instruction ends. The candidates are not taught the obligations in the third, nor do they subsequently pass any examination of this degree.

But above all, they know nothing of the harmony of the degrees, the meaning of any portions which are at all obscure, and they are ignorant of the symbolism of the Royal Art.

Masonry to such candidates has no meaning; it is a mere body, beautiful, perhaps, but without soul or life; and therefore powerless to exert any influence over their intellect or their lives. Is it any wonder that instead of Masons, enlightened by the truths of Masonry, governed by its laws, warmed by its hidden fires, guided by its traditions and precepts, ruled by its truths and influenced throughout their lives by its noble teaching, we have so many members who see in it merely a road to position an asset which may be utilized for their personal advantage, or at best a pleasant pastime for idle evenings, and who, when the one fall or the others fail (as they are all sure to do), if there be nothing else, grow indifferent and allow themselves to be suspended or take out their demits, not infrequently finishing by representing the Craft to the outside world as an institution in which there is nothing to attract or to hold, which has, indeed, been their experience. Such men have looked on the outside of the Temple and have seen even that through a mist but the doors to them have been closed; they may have got a passing glimpse of the casket, not a ray from the Jewel has ever been seen, nay, its very presence has not been suspected. We wonder that some of our Lodges do not prosper and we are surprised that we have difficulty in getting good workers or in awakening and sustaining any real enthusiasm on the side benches. I can bear witness to the effect produced on candidates by proper and systematic teaching which may begin even before the candidate enters the Lodge. Let us see to it that we do our teaching in this direction more thoroughly than has been our custom; the Light must come from the East. In this connection it is an open secret that Masters are some-

times installed before they are able to give even one degree, to say nothing of the three, and that they finish their year very much as they began it. What effect must such men have on the candidates and the welfare of the Craft?

The expenses incurred on my official visits have in most cases been promptly paid.

Early in my official year I began an agitation looking to the establishment of a Masonic Library in the Temple Building, Toronto, and am happy to be able to report that at a joint meeting of the two Toronto Districts a Library Board composed of myself as Chairman, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson and R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, was appointed, with power to add to our numbers, and with authority to request delivery from the Toronto Public Library Board to us for the benefit of the Craft of the books on Masonic Literature in their hands donated to them many years ago by the Craft in Toronto. In due course I trust the Library Board may succeed in establishing a good working library of Masonic literature.

I have had the pleasure during my term of office to "heal" two brethren who formerly owed allegiance to the "Ontario Grand Lodge." Bro. Lockhart, at Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, on 12th December, 1899, and Bro. Jos. Hope Raybould at Stanley Lodge on the 5th June, 1900. Both brethren have since affiliated and I trust and I believe will be worthy members of the Craft.

I found in many Lodges a disposition to announce to the candidate at the conclusion of the lecture on the tracing board by the Junior Warden that "There is also a charge founded on the excellence of our institution and the qualification of its members, which, however, as the evening is now advanced, this will be communicated to you at some other time."

Personally I have always endeavored to have the charge delivered to the candidate, and on occasions where no officer of the Lodge was prepared to deliver it I have delivered it myself.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. Raymond Walker, W. M.; W. Bro. Wm. Wesley Glass, I. P. M.; Bro. Robt. McClelland, S. W.; Bro. Robert Home, J. W.; W. Bro. Wm. Anderson, Chap-

lain; V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, Treasurer; Bro. W. R. P. Parker, Secretary; Bro. Frank Smith, Assistant Secretary; Bro. John McKerracher, S. D.; Bro. Frank Maile, J. D.; W. Bro. Daniel McDonald, D. of C.; Bro. J. N. Middleton, Organist; Bro. Samuel Wilkinson, S. S.; Bro. Norman Elder, J. S.; Bro. Jos. S. H. M. Meek, I. G.; Bro. John H. Pritchard, Tyler. On the occasion of my official visit the W. M. received me in a fraternal manner and exemplified for me the first degree, the ceremony being carefully and impressively performed. The financial position of the Lodge is greatly improved, and the W. M., officers and brothers of the Lodge are to be congratulated upon the fact that the Lodge is making satisfactory progress. In the past there is said to have been a considerable amount of external friction among the members, but I am happy to be able to report that these affairs have been amicably arranged and the outlook for the future is very auspicious. At the refreshment table a very large number of distinguished brethren were present, including the Grand Master, and a most enjoyable evening was the result. W. Bro. Walker in his year has initiated 24 candidates, 2 brethren have affiliated, there have been 3 resctorations, 2 demits have been granted, 5 members hav died, 7 have been suspended for non-payment of dues, one for unmasonic conduct. The Lodge receipts have increased from \$897.60 in 1899 to \$1,122.20 in 1900. On the 31st May, 1890, there was a balance on hand of \$47.38, which in 1890 has increased to \$183.06. Unfortunately the total balance outstanding for arrears has increased from \$213 in 1899 to \$272 in 1900. The average attendance has increased from 72 in 1898 to 98 in 1900. During the year the Lodge has expended \$88.04 for charity, of which \$50 was contributed to the Hospital for Sick Children. The books of the Secretary are well kept, neat and legible, and a credit to the Secretary, Bro. W. R. P. Parker.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54: This meets at Maple I visited this Lodge on the 13th March, being the regular meeting of the Lodge, and received a hearty and fraternal welcome from the Lodge. The 2nd and third degrees were conferred upon two most promising candidates in the persons of Bros. Muclea and Couper. While the work cannot be said to be absolutely letter

perfect, yet the degrees were very well exemplified and met with my hearty approval. A feature of the visit to this Lodge was a glimpse at the records of the Lodge since its formation under the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1854. The records are particularly well kept and are a great credit to the Lodge. I was also pleased to see that the Lodge was in possession of a copy of M. W. Bro. Robertson's History of Freemasonry, a most elaborate treatise on Freemasonry in Canada, and one deserving of every commendation from the brethren in Canada. At the close of the Lodge a very pleasant repast was prepared and several extremely good speeches were made by members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, and altogether the evening concluded most happily. There have been but two initiations during the year, and one member having demitted and another died the membership remains stationary. The Lodge receipts have increased from \$74.65 in 1899 to \$114 in 1900. The disbursements have likewise increased from \$72.31 in 1899 to \$82.03 in 1900. There is, however, the sum of \$53 outstanding for dues as of the 31st of May, 1900, and as this amount is owing by 11 members of the Lodge it appears to me that a little sustained effort on the part of the executive officers of the Lodge would be in the interest of the Lodge by collecting this amount and thus regaining the interest of the brethren in arrears in their Lodge work, as I find that brethren in arrears for dues ordinarily fall off in their interest and do not attend the meetings of the lodge; thus the lodge is the loser, both financially and numerically. There is an insurance of \$1,800 on the Lodge property and the Lodge room is very comfortable and well equipped. The charitable subscriptions for the Lodge for the year amount to \$5, which was given to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. E. H. Briggs, W. M.; Wor. Bro. David Hoskins, I. P. M.; Bro. R. W. Clewlo, S. W.; Bro. Wm. Crichton, J. W.; Bro. Rev. A. B. Chambers, D.D., LL.B., Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Andrew Park, Treasurer; Bro. George H. Mitchell, Secretary; Bro. Dr. G. L. Ball, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Arthur Jones, S. D.; Bro. R. C. Harris, J.D.; Bro. Wm. McBean, D. of C.; Bro. Wm. J. Evans, I. G.; Bro. T. S. Young, S. S.;

Bro. J. Webber Payne, J. S.; Bro. J. H. Pearce, Organist; Bro. Jno. H. Pritchard, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on Thursday evening, the 1st of February. I had the pleasure of being introduced to the Lodge by the R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, P. D. D. G. M. and V. R. W. Bro. F. Gallow, two old and highly valued Masonic friends, and was cordially welcomed by the W. M. and received with grand honors. A bright young candidate in the person of Bro. Charles Sheriff was then initiated by the W. M. in a very creditable manner. The affairs of Rehoboam Lodge have been administered in an especially able manner for several years past, and I am of opinion that the present W. M. is a very worthy successor of those who have preceded him. In some few particulars I thought it necessary to make some suggestions on the work of the Lodge during the evening where I thought improvement could be made, and was pleased to have my remarks referred to subsequently by prominent members of the Lodge with much approval. On the 2nd of November I had also the pleasure of attending this Lodge in company with the Grand Master, the occasion being the investiture of V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M. P., with the suit of regalia as G. S. D. During the year the Lodge entertained the brethren of Erie Lodge of Buffalo, New York State, when many warm friendships were formed. The Lodge has now attained the membership of 230, having initiated this year 4 candidates affiliated and 1 restored; 4 members have demitted, 3 have died and 9 have been suspended for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have fallen off from the sum of \$1,309.87 on the 31st of May, 1899, to the sum of \$1,016.64 in May, 1900, while their disbursements have increased from the sum of \$1,600.52 in 1900, having still, however, the substantial sum of \$2,482.02 on hand. The balance outstanding for arrears of dues has decreased from \$376.22 in 1899 to \$201.24 in 1900. The average attendance per meeting has increase from 62 in 1899 to 65 in 1900. During the year the Lodge has expended \$77.53 in charity, of which \$25 went to the Hospital for Sick Children and \$25 to the sufferers by the recent Ottawa-Hull fire. Bro. George H. Mitchell is Secretary of the Lodge and attends to his duties with the utmost dispatch, his books and lodge records being models of neatness and unexcelled in the district.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. J. Alva Carveth, W. M.; W. Bro. John J. Gee, I. P. M.; Bro. George McLeish, S. W.; Bro. J. W. Siddall, J. W.; Bro. J. D. Bland, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Samuel Brown, Treasurer; Bro. Thomas A. Duff, Secretary; Bro. S. N. Hughes, Assistant Secretary; Bro. T. D. Jackson, S. D.; W. Bro. R. J. Reade, J. D.; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, D. of C.; Bro. D. A. Chapman, Organist; Bro. L. A. Archambault, I. G.; Bro. Wm. Cooper, S. S.; Bro. R. F. Segsworth, J. S.; Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Tyler. I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 16. The W. M. initiated a candidate in a highly commendable manner and makes an admirable presiding officer. My predecessor has described this as a sterling lodge, which does good work, and I fully concur in his remarks. I regret that by some mishap, the particulars of which I do not know. I have not been put in possession of the statistics of the Lodge, in compliance with my request, and consequently am unable to give definite figures; but speaking generally the Lodge is progressing satisfactorily and have some bright officers in line for the chair.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on the 13th of April. The W. M. worked the second degree and passed Bros. Miller and Judge, two especially bright young brethren, to the second degree. It is evident from the work in this Lodge, that they are to some extent out of touch with lodge work in the district, and I took occasion to recommend very strictly to them that they should make a practice of visiting some of their Sister Lodges in the neighborhood in order to improve their method of doing work. I also drew their attention to several points where I thought substantial improvement might be made, and I feel satisfied that what I said on that occasion will bear good fruit. The lodge premises are particularly comfortable, and it is matter of congratulation that the brethren own their Lodge free from debt. The Past Masters of the Lodge are a source of great strength, and on them much dependence must be placed for the future success of the Lodge. I was sorry not to meet W. Bro. Roberts, the Secretary of the Lodge, who is, I am informed, one of the pillars of the Lodge. The membership has increased from 42 in 1899 to 48 in 1900.

The Lodge receipts in 1899 were \$140.56 and in 1900 were \$135. The number of members in arrears for dues, however, reaches the astonishing figure of 35, though it is matter of congratulation that the balances outstanding for arrears has decreased from \$100 in 1899 to \$90 in 1900, and the average attendance has increased from 12 per meeting in 1899 to 13 per meeting in 1900. The Lodge have their property insured to the extent of \$900, having also expended for charity during the year the sum of \$5, which was donated to the Sick Children's Hospital.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 12th March, 1900. It may be remembered that a day or two before that the deepest snowfall of the year took place and the season was thereafter for a short time very cold. I drove from Richmond Hill, a distance of fourteen miles, and owing to the state of the roads arrived somewhat late at the Lodge. There was a very small meeting and no work to do. I delivered an address to the brethren, and did what I could to inspire them to renewed efforts. For some time this Lodge has been at a standstill, while it is but fair to the brethren to say that there doesn't appear to be much material in that neighborhood for them to work on. They didn't initiate a candidate in 1899 or in 1900 up to June, but I have since been pleased to learn from the genial Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Brereton, that a very good application has been received and accepted and will be initiated at their next meeting. The Lodge receipts have increased slightly in 1900, being \$32, as against \$26 in 1899. In like manner, however, the disbursements have increased, and consequently the balance on hand in 1900 amounted to but \$55. Five members are more than twelve months in arrears for dues, which have increased in the year from \$20 to \$25. The average attendance per meeting has remained stationary at 8 for two years. The Lodge premises are particularly well situated and are very comfortable, indeed, being well furnished and well equipped. They are insured for \$300. During the year the Lodge has expended \$5 for charity, which they contributed to the Hospital for Sick Children.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton: Officers, A. L. 5900

—W. Bro. H. H. Ball, W. M.; W. Bro. W. E. Holland, I. P. M.; Bro. A. H. Dixon, S. W.; Bro. T. Armstrong, J. W.; Bro. F. C. Millar, Chap.; W. Bro. R. W. Hull, Treas.; R. J. Gibson, Sec.; W. Bro. John Burke, D. of C.; Bro. C. Moseley, S. D.; Bro. J. Brierley, J. D.; Bro. W. J. Douglas, S. S.; Bro. W. S. Dalby, J. S.; Bro. A. J. Brown, I. G.; Bro. W. W. Edwards, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on Friday, 20th April, 1900. Among the Past Masters present were W. Brethren W. C. Holland, D. Robertson, W. Muston, J. E. Hopkins and V. W. Bro. C. C. Norris, besides several visiting brethren, by whom I was introduced to the Lodge. A splendid specimen of young Canadian manhood in the person of Bro. W. E. Hopkins was then initiated by the W.M. Among other interested spectators on the occasion was Bro. Hopkins father. At the conclusion of the work I addressed the Lodge, expressing myself as well satisfied with the exemplification of the degree, which was indeed well rendered. The membership has increased from 96 in 1899 to 97 in 1900, and although there have been 3 initiations, 1 affiliation and 2 restorations, yet there have likewise been 1 demit and 4 members suspended for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts this year amount to \$345.25, as against \$439.70 in the preceding year. There are 15 members over 12 months in arrears for dues, which to my mind is simply inexcusable in a lodge of this membership. Unquestionably the executive officers of the Lodge should see to it that this blot on their escutcheon is removed as soon as possible. The Lodge premises are convenient and fairly well equipped, and are insured to the extent of \$400. During the year \$60 have been contributed to charity, of which \$55 was contributed to the Hospital for Sick Children. The Secretary, Bro. R. J. Gibson, was absent on the occasion of my visit owing to the death of his mother, but is an efficient officer, and I have no doubt whatever will in due course be a bright ornament to the Lodge when he reaches the chair.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: Officers, 1900—W. Bro. George W. Jackson, W. M.; W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, I. P.M.; Bro. A. J. Hood, S. W.; Bro. R. E. Heggie, J. W.; W. Bro. J. G. Roberts, Chaplain; W. Bro. W. W. Woods, Treasurer; V. W. Bro. A. Morton,

Secretary; Bro. S. Dolson, S. D.; Bro. H. E. Roberts, J. D.; W. Bro. J. J. Manning, D. of C.; Bro. T. H. Shields, S. S.; Bro. T. B. Peaker, J. S.; Bro. W. J. Fenton, I. G.; Bro. R. Madden, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 20th February, 1900, and was introduced by V.W. Bro. McKechnie and W. Bro. McFadden. I had the pleasure also of being accompanied to the Lodge by Bro. Wm. McCulla, an old and highly valued personal friend, whose son, Bro. John McCulla, is at present in the Transvaal with the Second Canadian Contingent. There being no work for my inspection, I requested the W.M. to raise the Lodge to the third degree, and after it was lowered again to the first degree I requested him to deliver the obligation and the Junior Warden to deliver the lecture on the tracing board. The work was extremely well done by both officers and reflects high credit upon their Lodge. The Lodge premises are very conveniently situated and very comfortable, indeed. The membership remains stationary at 71, although two candidates have been initiated and one member restored, yet there have been two demits and one suspension for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have fallen off from \$218.50 in 1899 to \$119 in 1900, while the disbursements show a commendable decrease from \$298.66 in 1899 to \$184.33 in 1900. The balance on hand has increased from \$76.02 in 1899 to \$106.94 in 1900. There are 12 members in arrears for dues, and the total arrearage has decreased from \$20.50 in 1899 to \$19 in 1900. The average attendance per meeting remains stationary at 22. There is an insurance of \$400 on the Lodge property. During the year the sum of \$15 has been expended for charity, of which \$10 was donated to the Red Cross Fund and \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital. In addition to this the members of the Lodge contributed personally \$36 as a purse to Bro. John McCulla on his leaving with his regiment for services in South Africa. They likewise supplemented the above-mentioned grant by \$10 to the Red Cross Fund by the sum of \$41 contributed by members individually. The general condition of Masonry in the locality may be described as fairly good, and the prospects for the future the same. The Lodge is particularly fortunate in having for Secretary a thorough-going whole-hearted Mason, V. W.

Bro. Morton, who realizes the responsibility of his position and in every way rises equal to the occasion. The Past Masters of this Lodge are also particularly loyal to the Lodge, and a visit at any time is a source of much pleasure to the visitor.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: Officers, 5900—W. Bro. A. F. Webster, W. M.; W. Bro. A. R. Murphy, I. P. M.; Bro. A. Y. Scott, S. W.; Bro. M. B. Aylesworth, J. W.; Bro. Rev. A. U. de Pencier, Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Benjamin Aellen, Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Reid, Secretary; Bro. W. S. Ziller, S. D.; Bro. A. C. Fairweather, J. D.; W. Bro. H. R. O'Hara, D. of C.; Bro. A. L. Lyon, S. S.; Bro. C. K. Blackwood, J. S.; Bro. R. G. Stapells, Organist; Bro. J. D. Bailey, I. G.; Bro. Wm. Stanley, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 22nd of May, 1900, and was introduced by W. Bro. H. R. O'Hara and W. Bro. Hull, both esteemed personal friends. The candidate of the evening, Bro. R. E. Gagen, is, while yet a young man, an old personal friend, having been associated with me professionally since boyhood. He was initiated by the W. M., and with all the officers of the Lodge in their respective places. The work of the W. M. and each of his officers was simply perfect. I cannot speak too highly of W. Bro. Webster, who presides over the affairs of this Lodge with dignity and an easy grace and pleasant manner, which in itself goes a long way to secure that harmony so essential to the success of any lodge. No lodge in the district is more promising than this Lodge for material coming on to fill the chairs, which have been occupied with so much lustre by the many distinguished Past Masters of the Lodge. My distinguished colleague, R. W. Bro. Inwood, D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, was also present on this occasion and heartily endorsed my approval of the lodge work. I notice from the work of my predecessor that the work of Bro. Thomas Reid, who was at that time Senior Deacon of the Lodge, was stated to be excellent and performed with military precision. Bro. Reid has since been promoted to be Secretary of the Lodge and the excellence which characterizes his work in the subordinate position is apparent in his present position. I look forward with much pleasure to Bro. Reid's future career in Masonry. The membership of the Lodge has

increased from 166 in 1899 to 189 in 1900. Twenty-four candidates have been initiated; there have been 7 affiliations and 3 restorations. Against this there have been 7 demits, 2 deaths and 2 suspensions for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have increased from \$1,220.65 in 1899 to \$1,904.30 in 1900. While the Lodge disbursements have also increased from \$1,118.05 in 1899 to \$2,430.02 in 1900. During the past year the premises of the Lodge have been entirely renovated and at present time there is no more beautiful lodge room in the country. Everything has been arranged in the most modern and approved style, and reflects the greatest credit upon Wor. Bro. Webster, R. Wor. Benjamin Allen and the other members of the committee who were associated with them in the work. The Lodge has a substantial balance of \$4,262.44 on hand, as against the sum of \$5,096.44 in 1899. Nineteen members are in arrears for dues amounting to \$332.50. The amount is larger than it should be, and I trust my successor will be able to note a substantial reduction. The average attendance per meeting has been 45 this year as against 43 last year. During the year the Lodge has expended the sum of \$205.35 for charity, of which \$25 has been contributed to the Red Cross Fund, \$25 to the Children's Hospital, and \$25 to the Ottawa-Hull Fire Fund. The candidates who have been initiated during the year are a particularly bright set of young men, and the prospects for the future are unexcelled in the district.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting held on the 14th December, A. D. 1899. The particular business which took me to Thornhill on that night was for the purpose of healing Bro. Lockhart, a member of the former Ontario Lodge of Maons. I have made reference to this ceremony. I was introduced to the Lodge by W. Bros. Langstaff and Steele, two of the mainstays of Patterson Lodge, and was very kindly received by the W. M. on behalf of the Lodge. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. George White, a candidate whose application had been received and favorably dealt with, no regular work was done, but as Bro. Lockhart was somewhat uninformed with the work, I directed the ceremony of initiation to be proceeded with, him

as the candidate. The work was extremely well done by Worshipful Bro. Fisher, who was then W. M., and reflected great credit upon the Lodge. For some time the affairs of this Lodge had been in a languishing condition owing to the removal to Toronto of a considerable number of the members, but more recently prosperity has returned and the Lodge is now making substantial progress. During the evening a handsome Past Master's Jewel was presented to W. Bro. Langstaff, who was leaving the neighborhood of Thornhill. His place as Secretary has since been taken by a worthy successor, Bro. Dr. Dame, formerly of Toronto. During the course of the evening I had the pleasure of presenting a considerable number of Master Masons' certificates which had been received from the Grand Secretary. During the year there have been 6 initiations and 1 demit. Lodge receipts in 1899 amounted to \$107.60 and in 1900 to \$124. The disbursements have decreased from \$105 in 1899 to \$89 in 1900. Two members are in arrears for dues for more than twelve months and several others for a lesser time. The arrears have increased during the year from \$46 to \$64.50. I cautioned the brethren to be careful about the collections of dues and the inevitable result in case they were not so. The Lodge room is comfortable and fairly well equipped, and the property of the Lodge is insured to the extent of \$200. During the year the Lodge subscribed the sum of \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital. The prospects of Masonry in the locality may be described as fairly good and improving. On the 15th of May I granted a dispensation to the brethren to attend a church service in Masonic regalia. An application was received by me for a dispensation to permit the initiation of Mr. John W. Adam, of the Postoffice Department, Toronto. Having no authority to grant such dispensation, I interviewed the M. W. Grand Master about granting the same, and after thoroughly explaining the matter to him he stated that it has been his uniform practice to refuse to grant such a dispensation and that he would not do so in this case, of which I duly advised the Secretary. The books and records of the Lodge are well kept, and there is first-rate material in the Lodge, so that the interests of Masonry may be regarded as secure in the hands of Patterson Lodge. Re-

cently Bro. John Drury, who at the time of my former visit occupied the position of Junior Warden, has been elevated to the chair, and I am satisfied that my successor will be able to strongly commend his work when he comes to report on the affairs of the Lodge.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 9th April, 1900. Upon my entrance to the Lodge I was warmly welcomed by the W. M. and brethren. Owing to indisposition the Worshipful Master was unable to perform the work of the evening, which consisted of raising a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which was most impressively and correctly performed by the Wor. Bro. Crossly. The membership remains stationary at 40, as, although there were 4 initiations during the year and 1 affiliation, there were 4 demits and 1 death. The financial affairs of the Lodge are in a fairly satisfactory condition. The receipts in 1899 somewhat exceeded those for 1900, being \$264.25, against \$223.16. The disbursements in 1900 amounted to \$162.45, as against \$155.97 in 1899. There was a balance on hand on the 31st May, 1900, of \$286.79, as against \$226.08 in 1899. The outstanding arrears on the 31st May, 1900, consisted of \$30.50, as against \$35 in the preceding year. The average attendance per meeting has increased during the past year from 24 to 27. The Lodge Room is very comfortable and the Lodge property is insured to the extent of \$300. During the year the Lodge contributed the sum of \$5 to the Hospital for Sick Children, and also \$5 in response to an appeal by chain letter from Dufferin Lodge, No. 338. I strongly deprecated the chain letter system of collection and received assurance from the W. M. that in the future such appeals would be refused. I have pleasure in reporting that the general condition of Masonry in the locality is excellent and prospects for the future are very promising. The Lodge records are very carefully kept by Bro. A. Davis, Secretary, and the Lodge is particularly fortunate in having in him and a number of other young brethren a splendid set of men coming on for the future. After the work of the evening was concluded a sumptuous repast was provided by the Brethren, at which very able addresses were delivered by Bro. the Hon. E. J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Lands, a member of

the Lodge, and a number of other Brethren, among them being several distinguished Brethren from neighboring Lodges.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. T. E. Elliott, W. M.; W. Bro. A. J. Pritchard, I. P. M.; Bro. Jos. T. Franks, S. W.; Bro. Wilson Wilby, J. W.; Bro. Walter Reid, Chaplain; W. Bro. Edward Eagle, Treas.; W. Bro. R. H. Leighton, Sec.; Bro. J. Gardhouse, S.D.; Bro. A. Lamb, J. D.; Bro. John Crossland, I. G.; Bro. W. P. Bull, S. S.; Bro. Charles Pickett, J. S.; Bro. E. J. May, O. G. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 11th April, and was received in a very happy manner by the W. M., who exemplified the first degree for me in a manner which reflected great credit upon him. The Lodge premises are in a first-rate condition, convenient and very fairly equipped. During the year the Lodge has subscribed \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital. The condition of Masonry in the locality is fair and the prospects may be said to be very good. In the words of my predecessor, "W. Bro. Elliott is the right man in the right place and infuses a large amount of genuine Masonic enthusiasm into his officers and members. The Secretary also performs his work in a capable manner.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on Friday, 16th March, being the day of Full Moon. W. Bro. Morton was in the chair, and a considerable number of visiting brethren were likewise present. I addressed the Lodge at some length, and W. Bro. Agar, the able Secretary of the Lodge, has been pleased to state in his minutes on my address, "So good and honorable his appearance and manner prepossessing, and on the whole made a favorable impression." There being no candidate, I authorized the W. M. to perform the ceremony of initiation. W. Bro. Fisher volunteered for that purpose. The work was extremely well exemplified by the W. M., and the Junior Warden's lecture was delivered by W. Bro. J. J. Watson in first-class style. The charge was very ably delivered by W. Bro. F. Smith. W. Bro. Agar, in his minutes, has said: "The Rt. W. D. D. G. M. resumed his discourse, and among other things congratulatory, he said that the work of

the W. M. was almost letter perfect; the rendition of the Junior Warden's lecture was a most enjoyable affair, and he congratulated Bro. Watson on the splendid manner in which he rendered the lecture. It was first-class and equal almost to any he had heard in Toronto. He also commended the work of W. Bro. Smith. The R. W. M. Bro. recommended the study of Masonic Literature by reading books and lending them among members, and was happy to say that he would be able to give as good a report of Blackwood Lodge as any of his predecessors had done. The R. W. Bro. looked through the Secretary's other books and made favorable comments thereon. Some lively and pleasing conversations occupied a few moments, the impression left behind being that the R. W. Bro. McPherson was up to the standard and almost equal to the silver-tongued M. W. G. M., E. T. Malone, himself." The membership has decreased from 34 in 1898 to 33 in 1899.* There has been no initiation during 1890. Although one candidate was accepted, circumstances prevented him from being present. It is expected that he will be initiated at the next meeting. The Lodge receipts in 1900, however, amounted to \$75.69, as against \$111 in 1899. Disbursements have increased in 1900 to \$79.70 from 40.69 in 1899. Six members are more than twelve months in arrears, which have increased from \$57.04 in 1899 to \$61.16 in 1900. The approach to the Lodge is extremely bad, but once inside the Lodge presents a cheerful and pleasing aspect. The brethren have allowed their insurance to expire. I strongly recommend that it be renewed. The general condition of Masonry in the locality is good except that but little progress is being made numerically. It is, however, more promising, I am informed, at the present time than for the last sixteen years.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Lambton Mills, Tuesday, 13th February, 1900. W. Bro. Anderson and officers and members of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction, were visitors on the same occasion. W. Bro. Gray, in the absence of the candidate for the third degree, acted in his place. The degree was conferred by W. M. W. Bro. Rice and the work was admirably performed. The junior officers of the Lodge are adept in work, and I have every reason to believe

that my successor will have little fault to find with the work of this Lodge. When the Lodge had been reduced to the first degree I delivered an address and made some few suggestions regarding the work. I had the pleasure of being in the Lodge while some general business was transacted, and the reputation which W. Bro. Rice has made for himself as a first-rate executive officer was well maintained. The membership has increased from 58 in 1899 to 65 in 1900, there having been 1 initiation, 1 affiliation and 3 restorations. The Lodge receipts are somewhat lower in 1900 than in 1899, being \$219.10, as against \$275.70, the disbursements having increased from \$188.75 in 1899 to \$206.80 for 1900, and the balance outstanding for arrears of dues from \$172.70 on the 31st May, 1899, to \$193.90 in 1900. Eight members are more than 12 months in arrears for dues, and I would counsel W. Bro. Rice and his Board of General Purposes to leave no stone unturned to reduce this large amount by steady and well-directed efforts. The average attendance per meeting has increased from 25 in 1898 to 30 in 1899. The Lodge premises are comfortable and well equipped and are insured to the extent of \$1,000. During the year \$10 was subscribed to the Sick Children's Hospital. The condition of Masonry is certainly improving in the territory over which Mimico Lodge has jurisdiction. Since the 1st of March the progress has been steady and the candidates are good types of young Canadian manhood. A reverend and highly-esteemed member of the Methodist Church received his third degree shortly before my official visit. I am informed that three or four applications from excellent men are expected, and the members are discussing the question of improving their Lodge building, which is now free from debt. The condition of and prospects for Masonry in the locality are certainly brighter than for many years past.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: W. Bro. F. A. Brown, W. M.; W. Bro. W. Couse, I. P. M.; Pro. Jos. Drennan, S. W.; Bro. J. W. Forbes, J. W.; Wor. Bro. R. H. McClung, Chaplain; Bro. F. W. Morgan, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. Wm. Taylor, Secretary; Bro. T. H. Goodison, S. D.; Bro. M. S. Mercer, I. D.; Bro. C. W. Switzer, D. of C.; Bro. R. M. Parkinson, S. S.; Bro. T. A. Johnstone, J. S.; Bro. D. McCaugh-

rine, I. G.; Bro. James Miller, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on Tuesday, the 12th of June, 1900. In addition to myself there were other visiting brethren from other parts of the Province. I was introduced by W. Bros. McClung and Congden. W. Bro. Brown then initiated Mr. James McKee, a candidate with whose appearance and intelligence I was well pleased. The work was very satisfactorily performed not only by the W.M., but also by the Junior Warden and Junior Deacon. There being none of the members of the Lodge prepared to deliver the charge to the newly-initiated candidate, I delivered it myself, as I consider that the ceremony of initiation is not complete without it. At the conclusion of the work I addressed the Lodge at some length on the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, and gave what I regarded as useful information to the officers on the proper discharge of their duties. The utmost harmony prevails, and the Lodge is a pleasant one, indeed, to visit. Bro. Junior Warden gives promise of being a great light in Free Masonry, and I am satisfied he will be a great credit to his lodge in years to come. W. M. Taylor performs the Secretary's duties in the Lodge and is veritably the father of Freemasonry in that locality. Indefatigable in the discharge of his duties, he well merits the respect and esteem in which he is universally held by the brethren of his Lodge, and, indeed, by all those who enjoy his acquaintance. The membership has increased from 33 in 1899 to 36 in 1900, there having been two initiations and one restoration. The Lodge receipts have fallen off from \$136 in 1899 to \$88.50 in 1900, while the lodge disbursements have increased from \$53.70 in 1899 to \$86.95 in 1900. Thirteen members are more than twelve months in arrears for dues, and this I don't consider satisfactory. The average attendance per meeting has fallen from 10 in 1899 to 9 in 1900. The Lodge premises are convenient and comfortably arranged and fairly well equipped. There is an insurance on the property of \$100. During the year \$5 was subscribed to the Sick Children's Hospital. The general condition of Masonry in the locality may be described as good and the prospect for the future is fair.

Zetland Lodge, No. 226. Toronto: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. R. A. Donald, W. M.; W. Bro. Alex Stewart,

I. P. M.; Bro. John Bastedo, S. W.; Bro. Malcolm J. Cockburn, J. W.; M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Treas.; W. Bro. Wilton C. Eddis, Sec.; Bro. W. S. Milne, Assistant Secretary; Bro. O. F. Rice, S. D.; Bro. T. McQuillan, J. D.; W. Bro. Henry A. Taylor, D. of C.; Bro. R. G. Stapells, Organist; Bro. J. W. Baker, Ossistant Organist; Bro. E. R. Dransefild, S. S.; Bro. J. W. S. Corley, J. S.; Bro. E. W. Bruce, I. G.; W. Bro. J. B. Hay, Chap.; Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Tyler. This being my mother lodge, I have, as might be expected, visited it several times during my official year. I have paid an official visit, however, at the regular meeting held on Friday, 22nd June, 1900. The work of the evening consisted of the initiation of three candidates, one of whom was initiated by the W. M. and the others by W. Bro. C. H. Hohl and W. I. Anderson. The work was very well done, and the Junior Warden's lecture was admirably delivered by Bro. M. J. Cockburn, the Junior Warden. It is a coincidence of which I am somewhat proud that this, being my Mother Lodge, is also a Lodge of which the present Most W. G. M., Most W. Bro. E. T. Malone, is also a member; indeed he is my father in Masonry, and it has been a very great pleasure, indeed, to me to act as his District Deputy. When I was initiated on the 22nd October, 1888, he then occupied the distinguished position to which my brethren of the district have since elected me. Zetland Lodge has now reached the proud position of being third in numerical strength on the register of the G. L. of Canada, the membership having increassd from 292 in 1899 to 314 in 1900. While there were 32 initiations during 1900 and 6 affiliations, there have been 8 demits, 2 deaths and 6 suspensions for non-payment of dues. Death during the year has claimed two distinguished Past Masters in the persons of W. Bro. J. T. Jones, my Masonic God father, having been the predecessor of Most W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and also W. Bro. John Fletcher, than him no better Mason ever belonged to Zetland Lodge. The Lodge receipts in 1899 amounted to \$2,680.85, and in 1900 to \$2,895.65. The dispositions in 1899 amounted to \$2,070.08 and in 1900 to \$2,709.81. The balance on hand has increased from \$3,010.46 in 1899 to \$3,044.89 in 1900. The balance outstanding for arrears of dues as discussed was \$349 on the 31st May, 1899, to \$234 on the same date

in 1900, although there are 35 members over 12 months in arrears for dues. The average attendance per meeting has remained stationary at 58. During the year the Lodge has expended \$170.28 in charity, \$50 to the sufferers by the Hull-Ottawa fire and also contributed the sum of \$2,000 in gold to endow a cot in perpetuity to be known as the Zetland Masonic Cot in the Sick Children's Hospital. This donation was made at the regular meeting in March to mark the 25th anniversary of the Lodge, and is perhaps unparalleled in the annals of any Blue Lodge in the jurisdiction of the G. L. On that occasion the Junior Warden's lecture was delivered by W. Bro. J. B. Have, acting as Junior Warden to a class of 25 entered apprentices, being one to represent each year since the formation of the Lodge. In June the brethren of Zetland Lodge paid a fraternal visit to the members of Frank R. Lawrence, No. 797, meeting at Rochester, of the City of New York. Nothing could exceed the courtesy of the Rochester brethren, and those members of the Zetland who were fortunate enough to be able to attend on the occasion will ever remember with feelings of deep gratitude the unbounded hospitality which was displayed on that occasion by the brethren of Rochester. The prospects for Zetland Lodge are of the brightest, and it is with pleasure that I congratulate W. Bro. Donald on the success which has attended his energy during the year. The Lodge is likewise fortunate in having the Wardens' chairs well filled, so for years to come there is no dearth of material from which a presiding officer may be drawn. Wor. Bro. Eddis makes a model Secretary. The Lodge is likewise membership strong in the wisdom and loyalty of the long line of distinguished Past Masters.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. J. Muir, W. M.; W. Bro. W. J. A. Lake, I. P. M.; Bro. H. G. Brown, S. W.; Bro. T. Barber, J. W.; V. W. Bro. R. Charlton, Chaplain; V. W. Bro. J. R. Dunn, Treasurer; Bro. John Lillie, Secretary; Bro. W. E. Smith, S. D.; Bro. C. L. Rosevear, J. D.; Bro. D. K. McLean, I. G.; W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, D. of C.; Bro. R. G. Stapells, Organist; Bro. W. J. King, S. S.; Bro. H. C. Mainprice, J. S.; Bro. C. C. Wightman, Tyler. I visited this Lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting on the 17th of Janu-

ary, 1900. The brethren turned out in force, and I received no more loyal welcome in the district than on the occasion of my visit to this Lodge. W. Bro. Muir makes an admirable presiding officer and conducts the affairs of the Lodge with expedition and tact. The only feature which cast a shade on the pleasure of the meeting was the fact that two candidates were rejected. The W. M. performed the third degree in a truly splendid manner, being the occasion of the first performance of work by him in the chair after his election. The work was practically letter perfect, and he was very ably supported, indeed, by his subordinate officers. In due course it is to be hoped that both Wardens will receive the confidence of their brethren and be elected to the chair, as they are evidently well schooled. I took occasion during the course of my remarks, after passing some well-earned compliments, to impress upon the brethren the high privilege which they enjoyed in admitting or rejecting candidates, and from the spirit in which my remarks were received I have every reason to expect that good will result. Bro. John Lilly, the Secretary, performs his duties admirably and his books are neat and well kept. The financial statement of the Occident and St. George's Lodges hall board was presented, and makes a very favorable showing. During the year the board has received several grants from these Lodges amounting to \$130, which has been judiciously expended in making necessary repairs furnishing new committee rooms and completely renewing the apparatus of the refreshment rooms. The decoration of the hall has greatly improved its appearance and reflects great credit on the brethren who have the work in charge. The best of good feeling prevails and the prospects for the future are exceedingly bright. During the year I had the pleasure of approving some amendments to the By-laws of the Lodge, which I trust will be of advantage to the Lodge. The membership has increased from 153 in 1899 to 154 in 1900, there having been 9 initiations and 2 affiliations, against 7 demits, 2 deaths and 1 suspension for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have decreased slightly from \$986.70 in 1899 to \$941.45 in 1900, while the disbursements are substantially lower, being \$838.50 in 1900, against \$1,099.95 in 1899. The balance outstanding for arrears in

1899 amounted to the astonishing sum of \$547.50, which, however, has been reduced during the year to \$478.15. Twelve members are over 12 months in arrears for dues. The average attendance per meeting has increased during the year from 43 to 44; \$15 has been expended for charity and \$10 for other Masonic relief. The prospects for Occident in the future are excellent.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Parkdale: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. Robt. Ross, W. M.; W. Bro. J. W. Isaacs, 1. P. M.; Bro. F. Blackburne, S. W.; Bro. J. G. McDonnell, J. W.; Bro. John Reed, Chaplain; W. Bro. John Gray, Treasurer; V. W. Bro. E. J. Voss, Secretary; Bro. F. E. Luke, S. D.; Bro. R. Thompson, J. D.; Bro. R. E. Jamieson, S. S.; Bro. J. F. Barnum, J. S.; Bro. Wm. Greig, D. of C.; Bro. W. J. Rickaby, Organist; Bro. R. J. W. Barker, I. G.; Bro. J. Davies, Tyler. I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on Thursday, the 2nd of April. W. Bro. Ross on the same evening entertained a very large number of visiting brethren, and the evening throughout was most enjoyable. One candidate was initiated by the W. M. in good style, and in an impressive manner. The floor work of the Junior Deacon was excellent. Bro. Junior Warden delivered his lecture perfectly, and the charge was impressively delivered by W. Bro. Colonel Gray. The membership has increased from 190 in 1899 to 213 in 1900, there having been 23 initiations, 10 affiliations and 3 restorations, against 10 demits, 3 deaths and 2 suspensions for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have increased from \$1,221.20 in 1899 to \$1,378.35 in 1900, as over the Lodge disbursements from \$965.12 in 1899 to \$1,043.62 in 1900. There are 45 members over 12 months in arrears for dues, which on the 31st May, 1899, amounted to \$352.30, since reduced to \$348. This is highly unsatisfactory, and no time should be lost in setting to work to correct it. The average attendance of members per meeting has increased from 45 in 1899 to 47 in 1900. The Lodge premises since Zeta Lodge has come to meet in the same room are much improved and very conveniently arranged. There is an increase of \$1,000 on the the Lodge property. During the year the sum of \$111.35 has been expended for charity, of which \$50 was donated to the National Patriotic Fund and \$20 to the Sick Children's Hospital. The general condition of Free-

masonry in the locality is prosperous. Candidates are numerous and of good quality, and with care and discretion in selection of those to be initiated there is no reason to doubt a continuance of Alpha's prosperity.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: Officers for 1900—W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, W. M.; W. Bro. A. H. Perfect, I. P. M.; Bro. J. W. Wansbrough, S. W.; Bro John Paterson, J. W.; Bro. F. P. Gassion, Chaplain; W. Bro. G. W. Clendenan, Treasurer; Bro. Allan H. Royce, Secretary; Bro. F. B. Goodman, Assistant Secretary; Bro. G. S. Martin, S. D.; Bro. W. L. Joy, J. D.; W. Bro. J. A. Ellis, D. of C.; Bro. J. S. Hill, Choir Master; Bro. T. C. Tinline, I. G.; Bro. J. T. McMulkin, S. S.; Bro. F. C. Colbeck, J. S.; Bro. Thomas Prince, Tyler. I was to have attended the regular meeting of this Lodge on the 6th of February, 1900, but was prevented by indisposition. In this emergency I called upon my esteemed predecessor, R. W. Bro. Curran Morrison, to attend in my place, which he very kindly agreed to do. His report is as follows: "At your request I have visited Stanley Lodge last night and was received as your representative in truly loyal style, especially by Wor. Bro. Anderson, his officers and members. A brother was raised to the sublime degree by the W. M. in a manner which reflected great credit upon himself and his subordinates. The ritual was closely adhered to and what to my mind is of even greater importance, the whole work was most impressively rendered. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors, and the W. M. expressed himself in kindly terms about yourself and deeply regretted your enforced absence on the occasion. The books are kept neatly and correctly by the Secretary, and the Lodge is imbued with proper spirit, which is of itself a guarantee of continued prosperity. I need scarcely add that my visit was a great source of pleasure to myself personally." I take this occasion to reiterate my thanks to R. W. Bro. Morrison for his kindness to me on that occasion. I was, however, enabled to pay an official visit to the Lodge on the 5th of June, when Bro. Jos. Hope Raybold was duly healed and a candidate was initiated by the W. M. in faultless style. W. Bro. Anderson and myself were school mates at the Strathroy Collegiate Institute some twenty years ago,

and it was a great pleasure to me to be able to congratulate him upon the excellent manner in which he administers the affairs of his Lodge. He is surrounded by a very loyal set of Past Masters and officers, among whom I am sure Bro. Allen Royce, the genial Secretary, is a valued and highly esteemed member. On the 20th October, 1899, I had the pleasure of approving revised by-laws of the Lodge, and trust they may be found to be clear and explicit. The membership has increased from 132 in 1899 to 144 in 1900, there having been 13 initiations, 2 affiliations and 1 restoration, against 4 denits. The Lodge receipts have increased from \$692.92 in 1899 to \$732.75 in 1900. While the Lodge disbursements have decreased from \$858.50 in 1899 to \$692.15 in 1900. In this Lodge, however, as in many others, the balance outstanding for arrears of dues is large and increasing, having amounted in 1899 to \$146.60, and in 1900 to \$174.58. The average attendance per meeting has increased from 40 in 1899 to 41 in 1900. The Lodge premises are very prettily decorated and well insured. They are insured to the extent of \$1,000. There has been expended during the year \$25 for charity, of which \$10 was subscribed to the Sick Children's Hospital and \$7.25 to reinstate a brother in distress into his own Lodge. The general condition of Masonry in the locality is good and the prospects for the future very favorable.

Harmony Lodge, 438, Toronto: Officers for 1899—W. Bro. John C. Gardner, W. M.; W. Bro. Warring Kennedy, I. P. M.; Bro. R. J. Beeman, S. W.; Bro. W. Shaw, J. W.; Bro. Lud. K. Cameron, Chaplain; V. W. Bro. Wm. Walker, Treasurer; Bro. Thomas McQueen, Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wigmore, S. D.; Bro. J. J. Ramsay, Jr., J. D.; Bro. W. M. Davidson, I. G.; Bro. J. R. Thurston, S. S.; Bro. I. L. Anthes, J. S.; V. W. Bro. J. Y. Egan, D. of C.; Bro. R. G. Stapells, Organist; Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Tyler; Bro. T. Y. Egan, Assistant Secretary. I visited this Lodge at the meeting in January and received a loyal and fraternal welcome. A candidate was initiated by the Worshipful Master, and I had much pleasure at the conclusion of the ceremony of congratulating him highly upon his manner and his proficiency. His special officers also acquitted themselves most creditably. During the year

the membership has decreased from 129 in 1899 to 124 in 1900, there having been 10 initiations and 1 affiliation, against 2 demits and 14 suspensions for non-payment of dues. The Lodge receipts have likewise fallen from \$747.19 in 1899 to \$634.60 in 1900. The dispensations have fallen from \$7.40 in 1899 to \$6.30 in 1900. A strong effort to reduce the balance outstanding for arrears of dues appears to have been made, and consequently the arrear has been reduced from \$366.05 in 1899 to \$246.10 in 1900, although there are still 17 members twelve months in arrears. The average attendance per meeting has fallen from 39 in 1899 to 35 in 1900. The Lodge subscribed \$13.80 to the poor and \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital. Taken all in all, I find that I am of the opinion that while the membership has somewhat decreased, yet the position of affairs in Harmony is sound at the core and requires only careful administration in order to tone it up again. For the right men are in the right places, and I have every reason to believe that my sincere friend will be able to report favorably of the brethren. Bro. MacQueen, who at the time of my visit acted as Secretary to the Lodge, has performed his work in an excellent manner.

In conclusion, let me say if the brethren of the district have received that benefit from my visits which I feel I have derived from my association with them, I am satisfied much good has been done; that the principles we ever endeavor to inculcate are better understood, and our resolutions strengthened to carry out the grand and noble teachings of the Craft.

The kindness of the brethren, universal as it has been, shall be remembered by me while life lasts, and now, as with hands joined with theirs in mutual greeting, I reciprocate friendly salutation, respect and good wishes.

WM. DAVID McPHERSON, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto West, District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Degrees conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of member.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
			Increased during year.	Decrease during year.		Total.	Regular.				Emergent	Total.																				
22	King Sol'n.	Toronto	192	23	15	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	7	1	...	5	11	8	19	98	...	...	June, 1900	Fair.	Bright.	Yes	\$
54	Vaughan	Map'e	34	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	7	1	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27 1899	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	1, 00	
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	226	8	16	4	1	3	9	9	3	11	3	14	65	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	103
86	Wilson	Toronto	172	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	2
98	True Blue.	Bolton	42	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	900
118	Union	Schomberg	21	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jun. 24, '99	Poor.	Medium.	2	300
156	York	Eg lington	96	6	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 21, '9	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400
249	Ionic	Brampton	71	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 19 00	Good.	Good.	Yes	400
279	Ashlar	Toronto	166	34	9	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jun. 28, 1900	Exc'lent	Exc'lent	Yes	200
270	Patterson	Thornhill	31	6	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300
292	Robertson	King	40	5	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jun. 21, 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	100
305	Humber	Western	42	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jun. 2, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Exp.
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 16, 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Exp.
326	Zetland	Toronto	292	38	16	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, 1899	Exc'lent	Exc'lent	Yes	Exp.
346	Occident	Toronto	153	11	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Go d.	Yes	100
356	River Park.	Streetsville	33	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	100
369	Mimico	Lambton	58	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 21, 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
384	Alpha	Parkdale	190	35	15	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
426	Stanley	Tor. Junction	132	16	4	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
438	Harmony	Toronto	129	11	16	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	1,000

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting for your consideration my official report on the condition of the twenty (20) Lodges, composing Toronto East District, No. 11A, for the Masonic year now closing, it is my desire to write as briefly as the extent of the information at my command will permit me.

Shortly after I was installed in office I sent copies of the following Circular to the Lodges in the District :

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M., IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

To the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members in Toronto East District, No. 11A :

BRETHREN : 1. At the Forty-Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in the City of Ottawa, on July 20th, 1899, your Representatives and Past Masters elected me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District, No. 11a. My election was confirmed by the Grand Master, and I was regularly installed and duly instructed.

I feel deeply sensible of the high honor which has been conferred upon me by my brethren. To me it is a serious responsibility to worthily represent the Grand Master, and guard, officially, the interests of our Craft in this important district, comprising twenty lodges and numbering nearly two thousand one hundred Masons.

Although conscious of imperfect qualifications for the discharge of the arduous trust committed to my care, yet it is my earnest desire to strive to perform my duties in a spirit and manner befitting this honorable position, and conducive in some measure, I hope, to the maintaining of the noble principles which are the inspiration and continuous guidance of Masonic life and conduct.

2. To assist me in the performance of my official labor, I have called to the office of District Secretary, Worshipful Brother John Watson, a Past Master of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, and he has graciously accepted the appointment.

Communications sent to his address, No. 91 Bay street, Toronto, will be promptly acknowledged, and in due course will be accorded full and careful consideration for action thereon as my judgment may determine.

3. The Constitution also permits me to appoint a District Chap-

lain. Upon reflection, however, the thought has prevailed with me to leave this appointment in abeyance.

I do not foresee any special service to assign to the office, and I feel reluctant, therefore, to invite a reverend brother to accept a position which entails so limited responsibility. We have many eminent clergymen enrolled in our membership, and it is improbable that an occasion will arise in any locality in this district where the ministrations desired would not be obtainable.

4. It is essential for the efficient working of a lodge that a high degree of excellence should be attained in the rendition of the work.

The spirit in which our sublime ritual is exemplified by the Worshipful Master and his officers makes an impression upon the candidate, and it remains with him long after the memory of many of the words recited has grown faint. I anticipate the pleasure of affording an opportunity to three of the lodges in the district, who may be adjudged as presenting a model standard, to exemplify the several degrees in a lodge or lodges of instruction.

5. Brethren, I felt impelled to give utterance to some thoughts regarding our Craft, but I refrain. After a careful reading of the elaborate address delivered by our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone, in Ottawa, I feel impressed that it is on a higher plane than I am able to touch. The sentiments are elevating and couched in expressive language.

Very sincerely indeed do I urge you to read that address, and to read it thoughtfully. If wrought into the warp and woof of our daily life we cannot fail to rise to a higher altitude as men and Masons.

6. During my term of office I shall plan to visit every lodge in the district, on such dates as may appear expedient and convenient for the lodges and myself. I confidently rely upon the sympathy, forbearance, and fraternal consideration of my brethren.

It is usually easier to criticise than to perform, but as the Grand Master's representative, I shall endeavor to exercise my official discretion with a just appreciation of circumstances and conditions, and governed always by a conscientious observance of the line of duty.

Many bright and able Masons could take a part in making our meetings interesting, as well as instructive, and I gladly seek their co-operation and assistance. May we all work fraternally and in unison; having the same high purpose and hope—the betterment of our Craft and the happiness of our brotherhood.

7. The Worshipful Masters will greatly assist me by steadily complying with Section 160 of the Constitution.

The following list of the lodges in the district, including the names of the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, will be found useful for reference.

I trust it may also lead to the cultivation of a more intimate association amongst the rulers of the Craft, for at present it is observable that many are personally little known to each other.

NO.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	H. T. Smith, 78 Robert street.	J. T. Slater, 2 Hogarth avenue.
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Ernest A. Coombs.	H. A. Nicholls.
25	Ionic	Toronto	F. W. Harcourt, Frechold Building.	S. T. Bastedo, Parliament Buildings.
75	St. John's.	Toronto	M. Leverty, 83 Borden street.	H. S. King, 25 Scott street.
87	Markham Union.	Markham	J. B. Gould	R. A. Mason.
97	Sharon	Sharon	R. Breckon, Queensville	B. F. Pearson, Queensville.
99	Tuscan.	Newmarket	A. Webb.	T. H. Lloyd.
129	Rising Sun	Aurora.	W. J. Stevenson.	D. A. Radcliffe.
136	Richardson	Stouffville	D. C. Smith	S. A. Lawrence.
218	Stevenson.	Toronto	E. Egan, 455 Shaw street.	R. W. Higginbottom, 210 Claremont St.
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	J. H. O'Brien.	J. G. Vears.
269	Brougham Union.	Brougham	A. E. Major, Whitevale.	D. R. Beaton, Whitevale.
316	Doric.	Toronto	J. E. Cook, 157 Bay street.	H. E. Griffiths, 133 Lisgar street.
339	Orient.	Toronto	John Jones, City Hall	D. J. Kelly, 90 Queen street east.
343	Georgina	Toronto	H. T. White, 470 Euclid avenue.	W. H. Bates, 73 Borden street.
354	Brock	Cannington	A. A. MacKenzie	J. A. Kift.
367	St. George.	Toronto	J. W. Hickson, 37 Yonge street.	W. J. Guy, 445 Adelaide street west.
410	Zeta	Toronto	D. C. Little, 195 Close avenue.	R. C. Griffith, 12 Macdonell avenue.
424	Doric	Pickering.	R. A. Bunting	Alex. Falconer.
430	Acacia	East Toronto	W. J. A. Carnahan.	H. A. Giles.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. INWOOD,

District Deputy Grand Master.

Toronto, July 31st, 1900.

Referring to the appointment of W. Bro. John Watson, I embrace this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge his continuous and self-sacrificing co-operation with me during my term of office. He has been a faithful supporter and companion in my Masonic journeying throughout the district, and particularly to the Lodges outside of Toronto. When I dwell upon the fact that his labor has not been inspired by the hope of honor or reward, I feel that he has done his part in the spirit which commands my respect and warm appreciation.

During the year I have given a number of decisions, or rulings, upon various questions submitted to me by lodges, officers and members. To a great extent these are, of course, of passing interest only. It is not probable that a record of them would serve any permanent purpose. I refrain from noting them in this report, except in one instance. Owing to the peculiar outlines of the corporate limits of Toronto, the extent of Lodge jurisdiction has at times come up for consideration, and some uncertainty has prevailed. The following, therefore, bears upon this subject and may be of some importance hereafter as a matter of reference.

TORONTO, December 7th, 1899.

Re Jurisdiction of Acacia Lodge, No. 430, A. F. and A. M., G. R. C., East Toronto.

W. H. GRANT, ESQ., P. M., A. F. and A. M., East Toronto:

DEAR SIR AND WOR. BRO.—Your communication of November 28, 1899, on behalf of Acacia Lodge, requests my ruling upon the following question:

“Where is the dividing line between the jurisdiction of Acacia Lodge and the Jurisdiction of the City Lodges?”

After careful consideration I submit as follows:

1. The jurisdiction of Acacia Lodge extends half way in a direct line to Orient Lodge, No. 339, corner of Queen street and Boltor avenue, Toronto, being the nearest city lodge to Acacia.

2. The line of demarcation is not affected by Toronto city limits, as lodge jurisdiction is determined irrespective of Municipal boundaries, and indeed also of Masonic Districts.

3. The said half-way divisional point of separation determines the eastern limit of the jurisdiction of the other lodges in Toronto, as they have the same jurisdiction as Orient Lodge.

4. The measurement from the residence of an applicant for membership to Acacia Lodge room decides his inclusion or exclusion as to distance in the Lodge jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

F. G. INWOOD, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District, No. 11 A

The commemoration of St. John's Day, 24th June,

was observed by the Craft in Toronto and vicinity by attendance at Divine Service in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto West District, No. 11, and Toronto East District, No. 11A, combined for this object.

Bro. the Rev. Professor William Clark, M.A., D.C.L., of Trinity College, delivered an eloquent and appropriate sermon. The text was from Psalm 133, 1st and 2nd verses: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," etc. The splendid musical service was under the direction of Bro. Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., F.R.C.O. His Lordship Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Bro. G. C. Wallis and Rev. Bro. F. H. Hartley conducted the service.

Our fraternity attended in greater numbers than on any previous occasion of this character. The offertory formed a substantial evidence of sympathy for a noble institution, the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto, which was founded largely through the munificence of a member of our Craft, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. M.

It affords me gratification to make a brief reference to the pleasing relations with adjoining districts. R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, D. D. G. M., Toronto West District, No. 11, has heartily co-operated with me in matters of joint interest to both districts. Time and experience have demonstrated that the division of the old District of Toronto has produced beneficial results. My visits to Zetland Lodge, No. 326; Harmony Lodge, No. 438; Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; Occident Lodge, No. 346; Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, in District No. 11, gave me welcome opportunities for fraternal interchange and my reception at these gatherings was very cordial indeed.

I also enjoyed the pleasure of a visit to Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, in Georgian Bay District, No. 9, in October last, on the occasion of the dedication of their pretty lodge room, by the Grand Master.

I desire to call attention to the practice which prevails, with the sanction of Grand Lodge, as to providing for the payment of the expenses of the D. D. G. M. In my view this should be changed. It does not appear to me to be in keeping with the importance, responsibility and the dignity of this office that the D. D. G. M., who represents the Grand Master, and thereby the Grand Lodge, should look to the Subordinate Lodges to re-

imburse him for the expenses incurred in visiting and inspecting the Lodges, and for outlay in printing, stationery and postage. So far as I have been able to learn, my predecessors have not found this system a congenial one. I submit that it is incumbent upon the Grand Lodge to directly discharge such liabilities for its representatives. Speaking approximately, \$2,000 annually would probably suffice to defray the total expenditure for the nineteen districts. My own district has been most considerate with me personally and hence I feel free to express a thought which could be worked out in the interest of the Craft and afford relief, as well as pleasure, to many concerned.

On April 25, 1900, the Masonic rooms in the Temple Building, Toronto, were dedicated to the purpose of Masonry, under the direction of the G. M., M. W. E. T. Malone, and R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, D. G. M., assisted by other Grand Lodge officers. The Lodges in 11A District occupying these rooms are: St. Andrew's, No. 16; Ionic. No. 25; St. John's, No. 75; Stevenson, No. 218, and Doris, No. 316. There are also five lodges represented in No. 11 District. The addresses delivered on that occasion by the G. M., D. G. M., Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, were exceedingly instructive and entertaining and in harmony with the proceedings.

During the year complete sets of By-Laws were prepared by Markham Union Lodge, No. 87; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, and Orient Lodge, No. 339. These were sent to me for submission to the G. M., who duly confirmed the same, and I have since received printed copies of them from the various Lodges. Zeta Lodge, No. 410, also obtained approval to an amended by-law. Any dispensations which have been issued have been properly accounted for to the Grand Secretary.

At the last District Meeting held in Ottawa on July 20, 1899, a resolution was unanimously passed to present a testimonial to the retiring D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. James Glanville, of Toronto. It was further unanimously resolved to assess the cost of said regalia equally on the membership in the district. It was thought the fairest way of raising the funds annually for such purposes. V. W. Bro. John Jones, and W. Bros.

J. D. H. Browne and Charles A. Matthews were appointed as a special committee to carry out the aforesaid resolutions. The Committee made a call of 3 cents per member on the membership in the district and collected thereby sufficient funds for the object in view.

On Dec. 5, 1899, at the regular meeting of Orient Lodge, No. 222, R. W. Bro. Glanville was presented with a handsome set of regalia, distinctive of his rank, as a token of sincere appreciation for his services to the district during his term of office as D. D. G. M.

The district has had a happy and prosperous year. It is especially gratifying to record that no disagreeable episodes have occurred to mar the good fellowship prevailing. The material prosperity is shown in an increased membership, gradual improvement in the financial standing of many of the lodges, and several lodge halls (particularly outside the city), made more attractive and comfortable by additions of new furniture and fittings, and also by painting and decorating.

While Worshipful Masters come and go each pass-year, it is to my mind an unfailing source of strength that very competent brothers are retained in the Secretaryships. I cannot speak too highly of the Secretaries in No. 11A District. They are doing a great work, and we owe much to them for their part in maintaining the high grade attained by the lodges. The good work of my predecessors is bearing fruit. Our ritual is surely being more and more intelligently rendered. Some W. M.'s complain that each succeeding D.D.G.M. instructs differently in a few essential points, and this I feel assured is not wholly imaginative on their part. Speaking for myself, I have aimed to follow the special instructions which M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray was authorized to impart to the D. D. G. M.'s at the Grand Lodge. I would be glad to see uniformity in the practice of all of our work in the district, and I trust we are gradually progressing to that desirable end. It has been a revelation to me that the rural lodges compare very favorably with the City Lodges in the exemplification of our ritual, when the opportunities of the former are certainly more restricted.

Then I wish to speak appreciatively in this general reference to the generous hospitality extended by all the Lodges. It has been my good fortune not to have en-

countered a poor meeting in the course of the year. The fraternal visitors have also contributed much to these pleasurable gatherings.

The musical service is growing in favor in a number of the Lodges, and it imparts a marked degree of interest and color to the meetings. It cannot be expected that our Craft meetings will continuously retain our brothers in active connection with the Lodges, unless Masonry as a social institution is cultivated as well as its nobler aspects.

It is fitting that I should make mention here of the noble part taken by some of the Lodges in this district in the war service of the Empire in South Africa. Ionic Lodge, of Toronto, is represented there by seven of its members; St. John's Lodge, Toronto, by three of its members, and Orient Lodge, Toronto, by one of its members. For the names of these brethren and their rank in the army, reference should be made to the reports of those Lodges.

I also desire to briefly state the amounts of money disbursed in this district to various causes. The amount expended for charity during the year, so far as returned to me is \$691.50; amount subscribed for the National Patriotic Fund is \$403.47; amount subscribed for the Sick Children's Hospital is \$325.00; the amount subscribed for the Red Cross Society is \$49.47; the amount subscribed for the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers is \$85; the amount subscribed for the Nursing At Home Mission is \$25; the amount subscribed for the Protestant Orphans' Home is \$26; making a total of \$1,604.53.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: The Senior Lodge in this district continues in the front rank in general excellence. On October 10, 1899, there was held a Reunion of the Old Members of the Lodge. It was the 77th Anniversary of the institution of the Lodge. The meeting enjoyed all the elements of unusual interest. The Past Masters made a special night of it. Several of them had passed the half-century line in Masonry, and they were deeply touched at the reception accorded them by their brethren, and for the graceful expression of welcome extended to them by that zealous and capable W. M., W. Bro. Henry T. Smith. The Past Masters had not forgotten their early training, and under the direction of W. Bro. James L. Hughes as a guiding

spirit the initiation of a candidate passed off successfully. The banquet which followed was unique in its character, and I felt it an honor to be present to assist in paying a tribute of respect and affection to our veteran members.

On January 30, 1900, a Musical and Literary At-Home was given by the Lodge. It was a pleasant opportunity for members of the Craft to extend Masonic courtesies to their ladies and friends.

My official inspection was made on May 8th, 1900. Amongst the visitors was W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, W. M. of Stanley Lodge, of Toronto Junction. St. Andrew's Lodge at this meeting conferred the second degree upon a candidate. The exemplification of the ritual very favorably impressed me. The spirit in which the work was performed could not fail to be impressive. A cultivated and refined W. M. is W. Bro. Professor A. H. Reynar. His rendition of the ritual was characterized by a grace and breadth of tone that left its impress upon the mind of the candidate. To say that the books and records are well kept by W. Bro. J. T. Slater, Secretary, and R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Treasurer, is to repeat only what has been frequently declared. With a membership of 232, easy financially and officers steadfast and true, this lodge will continue doing noble work. The charitable disposition of the Lodge is worthy of a special reference. Such acts are highly to be commended. It is one reply to the strictures passed upon Masonry by some parties who profess to see in our noble Craft a menace to the work of the Christian Church. During the year the lodge paid in charity or relief \$112; subscribed to the National Patriotic Fund, \$100; for the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto, \$50; for the Nursing at Home Mission, \$25, and \$25 for the Protestant Orphans' Home, making a total of \$312. The Lodge is in good financial standing, and the prospects for steady prosperity appear to be favorable.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I officially inspected this Lodge at an emergent meeting held on April 16, 1900. The attendance of members, including visitors, was numerous. The meeting throughout was most enjoyable. The first degree was exemplified in creditable style by the W. M. and officers. The Junior Warden, although young in years, was par-
worthy of honorable mention as to the delivery of his

work. The visitors were also favorably impressed, and these included Worshipful Masters W. Bro. John Drew, of St. George Lodge, and W. Bro. W. J. Wilson, of Stevenson Lodge, Toronto. The removal of the W. M., W. Bro. Ernest Coombs, from the High School, Richmond Hill, to Newmarket High School, has latterly made it very inconvenient for him to give personal attention to the affairs of the Lodge. He has shown himself, however, a very capable Master and is quite thorough in rendering the ritual. During this year this spacious Lodge room has been decorated and likewise the ante-rooms. The lodge quarters are now very attractive and comfortable. The Lodge owns this fine property and has no debts except the mortgage encumbrance of \$500. I felt it an honor to be introduced to the Lodge by one of the Past Masters, who is an octogenarian, W. Bro. A. L. Skeelee, and he is still so enthusiastic in his devotion to the Craft that he remained to the last stage of the evening's proceedings. I examined the books of the Lodge as kept by the Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, and found them in excellent order. The Lodge has a membership of 32 and the papers appear fairly favorable. Since last report the lodge has expended in charity \$12 and has subscribed \$4 to the National Patriotic Fund, and \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto, making a total of \$21.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: I was present at this Lodge on September 20, 1899, when an emergent meeting was held. That occasion was made memorable by a reception extended to a visitor W. Bro. Lord Justice Gerald Fitzgibbon, of Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, Dublin Ireland. It is not probable that a more notable gathering of Craftsmen will often assemble in any lodge. This Masonic function was carried through under the direction of the W. M., W. Bro. F. H. Harcourt, with a genial grace of manner in perfect harmony with the spirit of the occasion. The distinguished visitor expressed his delight and, indeed, astonishment at the progress and standing of Masonry in Canada. In choice language he expressed his unbounded pleasure in meeting brethren so far away from his own land.

On April 3, 1900, the regular meeting of the Lodge was taken in charge by the Past Masters. The veterans of the Craft worked the first degree and it was well

and truly done. I visited officially on May 1, 1900. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate, and this work was submitted for my inspection. Worshipful Masters W. Bro. John Drew, of St. George Lodge, and W. Bro. H. H. Ball, of York Lodge, also witnessed the ceremony. There was a strength of excellence throughout the exemplification of the ritual that made the performance a very high standard. It is only the simple truth to state here that it has not been surpassed in any Lodge in the district during the year. The W. M., W. Bro. Sydney B. Sykes, is a fitting successor to many distinguished Craftsmen who have filled the chair of Ionic. The Lodge still retains a light lead in membership in this district, being now 235. The financial standing is considered quite good. The books and records are in the careful and capable hands of Bro. C. R. W. Postlethwaite as Secretary, and R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite as Treasurer. The benevolent disposition of this Lodge deserves honorable mention. The dues of the brethren on war service in South Africa are remitted for 1900. The Lodge has also disbursed in relief \$26.64; subscribed for the Sick Children's Hospital \$40; Red Cross Society, \$24.47; Bro. A. J. Boyd (on war service) \$24.47, and Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers, \$25. Total, \$140.58. The outlook for the Lodge presents no view of any disturbing factor and I look for success in unabated measure. The military character of the Lodge is best shown by the following list of members in the service of Queen and Empire in South Africa: William Dillon Otter, Lieutenant-Colonel Canadian Staff, A. D. C., commanding Second (Special Service) Battalion, R. C. R. I.; Charles James MacDougall, Major R. C. R. I., Second Battalion; Rykert Kent Barker, Captain "C" Co., Second Battalion, R. C. R. I.; George Sterling Ryerson, Lieut.-Col. Army Medical Service, Deputy Surgeon-General; Lewis Erskine Wentworth Irving, Lieutenant Royal Canadian Artillery (Captain Reserve Officers); Alexander J. Boyd, Capt. R. C. R. I. (Captain Royal Grenadiers); Christopher Harleston Irving, Gunner Royal Canadian Artillery.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: This is a strong Lodge financially, as well as in other respects. Several thousands of dollars of invested funds and careful ad-

ministration contribute greatly to steady prosperity. It was not a difficult task to perform my official inspection on February 5, 1900. W. Bro. Martin Levery, W.M., and officers initiated a candidate in a manner which commanded my approval. I examined the books of the Treasurer, Bro. W. N. Eastwood, and of the Secretary, Bro. H. S. King, and commended these officers. The Choir Service is worthy of special commendation and it greatly adds to the charm of our ritual. During the year death has removed W. Bro. Thomas Hills, Bro. John Alderdice and Bro. T. A. Heintzman, and they were interred with Masonic honors. My predecessor, R. W. Bro. James Glanville, installed the W. M., Wor. Bro. E. J. Cashmore, and a capable staff of officers on June 25, 1900. I look for continued success for this Lodge. With a membership of 233, it is in a position to do good work for Masonry. During the year the Lodge has subscribed as follows: Sick Children's Hospital, \$25; Lakeside Home, \$25; Patriotic Fund, \$200; Masonic Board of Relief, \$27.24; family of the late Bro. McArthur, \$10; charity to widow, etc., \$95. Total, \$382.24. This Lodge is represented in the war service in South Africa by the following brethren: David Borland, Sergeant Major, First Royal Canadian Regiment; John Frederick Ramsay, Sergeant in First Royal Canadian Regiment, now First Lieutenant in First Brabant's first degree was exemplified satisfactorily. W. Bro. R. A. Mason is a careful Secretary, and the Treasurer, R. Horse; George Robert Sweeny. Private Canadian Mounted Infantry.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: My official visit was made on Good Friday, April 13, 1900. There was a good attendance. The visitors included W. M.'s Wor. Bro. R. Hollinger, of Zeredatha Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Dr. D. C. Smith, of Richardson Lodge; V. W. Bro. John Jones, of Orient Lodge; Wor. Bro. John Watson, of Stevenson Lodge; Wor. Bro. Harvey J. Gould, of Zeredatha Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Cherry, of Patterson Lodge. The meeting was rendered particularly pleasant by a generous act on the part of the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. J. B. Gould, the S. W., Bro. Frank A. Reesor and the J. W., Bro. Albert C. Reesor. On their behalf I made a presentation to the

Lodge of handsome chairs for East, West and South, given respectively by the W. M., S. W., and J. W. Not only has the Lodge room been improved lately, but new furniture has been added and with very pleasing results. The only liability against the Lodge is a special loan of \$150, and ere long this will probably disappear. The first degree was exemplified satisfactorily. W. Bro. R. A. Mason is a careful Secretary, and the Treasurer, R. W. Bro. G. R. Vanzant continues to be a faithful as well as an efficient officer. On the 25th of June, 1900, a new staff of officers was installed by W. Bro. Harvey J. Gould, of Unbridge. The present W. M. is W. Bro. Frank A. Reesor, and I have no doubt he will continue the good work of his predecessor, W. Bro. J. B. Gould. The outlook for the Lodge is encouraging and it is not probable that the present membership will remain stationary. This Lodge prepared a new set of By-laws, which I submitted to the Grand Master, and he duly approved of the same on January 30, 1900.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: My official visit occurred on June 12, 1900. The excellent attendance was enlivened by a visit from the W. M., Wor. Bro. Orton, officers and members of Simcoe Lodge, of Bradford. The officers of Sharon Lodge are capable, but I regret to note that a few of them have missed more meetings than they have attended in the last six months. My strictures upon this feature were taken in good part, and I hope for a desirable improvement in this respect. The second degree was exemplified, and the opening and closing in the several degrees appeared to me fairly well done. The S. W., Bro. T. W. Wallis, was in good form in reciting his lecture. The W. M., W. Bro. Albert Traviss, is attentive to the duties of his office and discharged them in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. B. F. Pearson, is a valued officer and calls for commendation upon the faithful performance of his task. The Lodge showed high appreciation for him on this occasion by conferring Honorary Membership as a tangible recognition for years of self-sacrificing service. On June 15, 1900, the Lodge gave a concert in the Temple Building in Sharon, and the net proceeds amounted to \$70. This sum has strengthened the Lodge financially. For a small community Sharon Lodge has a good membership, being 49, and the finan-

cial standing of the Lodge is improving. The officers feel greatly encouraged and look for a progressive future. The Lodge has expended \$25 in benevolence, of which \$20 was in charity and \$5 subscribed to the Sick Children's Hospital.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 11, 1900. It afforded me a great deal of pleasure to meet veterans like R. W. Bro. Col. James Wayling, and R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M.'s. The surrounding Lodges were well represented by W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, W. M. of Rising Sun; W. Bro. Albert Traviss, W. M. of Sharon; W. Bro. Ernest Coombs, W. M. of Richmond; W. Bro. J. W. Hickson, P. M., St. George, and other Past Masters. The Lodge room had recently been decorated and presented a very cheerful and pleasant aspect. A candidate was initiated in an acceptable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. C. H. Lloyd, who is probably the youngest W. M. in the district. The J. W., Bro. A. S. Williams, was particularly bright in the delivery of his lecture, and his performance has not been excelled in my term. The finances are well handled by R. W. Bro. Brunton, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, W. Bro. T. H. Lloyd, is keeping the books and records in a methodical and careful way. It is pleasing to note that the Lodge has funds of \$150 and no debts. The disbursement for charity during the year is \$5. With a membership of 46 and easy financially, this Lodge should continue to do well.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: When visiting this Lodge officially, May 11, 1900, I was fortunate in being accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ben Allen, of Ashlar Lodge, Toronto, and W. Bro. H. T. Power, of Sharon Lodge. The election of officers was held at this meeting. A candidate was initiated and I considered the exemplification by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, and his officers as quite satisfactory to me officially. The J. W.'s lecture by W. Bro. J. W. Crossley was admirably recited. The Secretary, W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, is competent for his position and his books and records bear evidence of it. The Lodge room (formerly a church property) is spacious and comfortably fitted up for Masonic purposes. The Lodge owns this property and the brethren are making a special effort, which is

being attended with success, to pay the mortgage encumbrance by means of stock subscriptions. The brethren on this occasion regretfully parted with R. W. Rev. E. H. Mussen, P. G. C., who was removing from Aurora to Collingwood. The present W. M., W. Bro. Dr. R. M. Hilary, was installed in June, 1900, and is well supported by the subordinate officers. I trust ere long the financial standing of the Lodge will be materially strengthened. The membership is 62 and the prospects appear favorable. The Lodge expended in charity \$6.55 and subscribed \$15 to the Sick Children's Hospital. The Lodge is now working under a new set of By-laws which I submitted to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and obtained his confirmation on Dec. 18, 1899.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: During the last few years this Lodge has made steady progress and very materially improved its organization. The At Home on January 30, 1900, afforded an excellent opportunity to cultivate fraternal and social relations. On March 15, 1900, I made an official visit. A candidate was initiated and I was satisfied with the exemplification of the ritual. Some of the pleasure of this meeting was attributable to the presence of V. W. Bro. James MacFarlane, Grand Steward; W. Bro. Jonathan B. Gould, W. M. of Markham Union Lodge; P. M., W. Bro. Cherry, of Patterson Lodge, and P. M.'s W. Bros. H. J. Gould and G. Thompson, from Zeredatha Lodge. The Lodge is clear of debt and has \$150 to \$200 of funds in hand. The membership is now increased to 41, and the Lodge reports excellent prospects. W. Bro. D. C. Smith proved a very acceptable Worshipful Master. His successor, W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, is now directing affairs and will prove prudent and tactful. The installation of officers was performed on June 25, 1900, by Wor. Bro. John Watson, P. M. of Stevenson Lodge, Toronto. The Lodge has expended in charity as follows: \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital; \$5 in answer to an appeal from Beaverton Lodge for a widow and family; Bro. Bowman, of Richardson Lodge, \$25, and this was supplemented by subscriptions by the brethren another \$25. Total amount, \$60. The general condition of Richardson Lodge is satisfactory, and I feel assured that if the care shown the last few years is continued, prosperity will inevitably follow.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I availed myself of an opportunity to officially visit this Lodge on February 12, 1900. I witnessed the initiation of a candidate. At that date the W. M., W. Bro. William J. Wilson, had not the advantage of a great deal of practice, and I therefore felt pleased that his performance was so highly satisfactory. He is a genial presiding officer and he has an efficient staff of subordinate officers. The membership of the Lodge is reported to me as 185, therefore I am not able to note progress. This is owing partly to some suspensions for non-payment of dues and the removal by death of Bros. Charles H. Waterman and John A. McDonald. The financial condition of the Lodge, however, continues healthy, there being a substantial amount of invested funds. On his recent removal to Hamilton, R.W. Bro. R. W. Higginbottom resigned the Secretaryship, and Bro. W. H. S. McCallum has been elected in his stead. The efficiency of the office is maintained and the books and records are in satisfactory order. Amongst the visitors on the occasion of my official visit were Worshipful Masters W. Bro. J. Muir, of Occident Lodge, and W. Bro. E. J. Walsh, of Brougham Union Lodge. While I am writing this report some division of opinion is observable in the Lodge as to the desirability of the Lodge becoming affiliated with the Masonic Benevolent Board of Toronto. As this is a minor matter, however, I presume it will soon adjust itself. In charity the Lodge expended \$69.60 and has subscribed \$20 to the Patriotic Fund, and \$50 to the Sick Children's Hospital.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: This Lodge claims, with pardonable pride, to have a lodge room unsurpassed in the district outside of Toronto. Certainly its appointments, fittings and paintings are in excellent taste. When visiting officially on May 14, 1900, I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. B. Allen, V. W. Bro. James Macfarlane, Grand Steward, and W. Bro. John Watson, all of Toronto. In such elegant quarters and with a debt of only \$75, the membership of 70 should be happy. On this occasion the W. M. of Markham Union, W. Bro. J. B. Gould, and some brethren from Sharon Lodge were present as visitors. The Lodge conferred the sublime degree of a Master Mason upon a candidate, and on this work I passed judgment. I

considered the ritual very fairly exemplified and it spoke well for the Lodge to submit this degree as a test of their qualifications and training. The W. M., W. Bro. R. Hollinger, is a painstaking ruler and is well supported by the Wardens, Bros. J. A. Purdy and S. S. Sharpe. The books and records of the Secretary, Bro. John G. Vicars, and the Treasurer, Bro. T. Boyd, showed carefulness and attention. The Lodge held their Annual At Home on December 27, 1899, and enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant time. It is pleasing to note that the Past Masters take an active interest in the Lodge, and that W. Bro. H. J. Gould takes part in reciting the ritual. The Lodge has subscribed \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital. At the present time the prospects of this Lodge appear favorable, and it may be described as well established.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: As my predecessor pointed out, this Lodge has been languishing for a number of years. Recently a change of location was decided upon and the Lodge has been removed from Brougham to the village of Claremont, on the C. P. R., in a prosperous district. My official consent was obtained for this change, as I felt that a movement was imperatively demanded in the interests of the Lodge and of the Craft. Already beneficial results are apparent. For the first time in three and a half years a candidate was initiated on June 13, 1900, which was the date of my official visit. Unfortunately a sudden attack of illness rendered me unable to perform any efficient service on this occasion. Happily my temporary inability was made up for the Lodge by the presence of W. M., Wor. Bro. Dr. D. C. Smith, of Richardson Lodge, of Stouffville, and W. M., W. Bro. R. A. Bunting, of Doric Lodge, of Pickering. These Worshipful Masters were accompanied by some of their officers and members, and they gave a great deal of encouragement to Brougham Lodge. The Lodge now has a favorable prospect of growth. The present membership is 33. The Lodge is in very fair financial standing. The very efficient Secretary, Bro. D. R. Beaton, who is Clerk of Pickering Township, reports to me an improved condition in the Lodge, and that the outlook is brightening. The W. M., M. Bro. E. J. Walsh, is doing his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge. It is not too

much to say that Bro. D. R. Beaton, the Secretary, has been a potent factor in keeping this Lodge together through a long period of depression and discouragement.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: This Lodge has been advancing latterly and shows an improvement numerically, financially and fraternally. The membership for June, 1900, is stated at 143. The meeting on November 16th, 1899, was given up to the Past District Deputy Grand Masters of the Toronto District. Under the genial direction of R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins, acting as W. M., the night's proceedings were enacted with great spirit. The P. D. D. G. M.'s afforded conclusive evidence of their ability to initiate a candidate in a manner worthy of their eminent rank. Few of the brethren present will forget that memorable gathering. My visit of inspection was made on April 19, 1900. The Lodge also entertained Worshipful Masters Wor. Bro. Raymond Walker, of King Solomon's Lodge, and W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, of Harmony Lodge. I witnessed the exemplification of an initiation, and on the whole it was fairly well done, and some of it was excellent. The Junior Deacon, Bro. A. E. Burgess, deserves honorable mention, as I feel his performance in that office quite equalled any I have seen for some time. The W. Bro. B. N. Davis, discharged his duties as Chaplain in a devout and graceful manner. It is only justice to say of W. Bro. J. E. Cook, the Worshipful Master for 1899, to note here that he was unfailing in the conscientious discharge of his duty, and he rendered invaluable service to Doric Lodge during his term. The W. M. for 1900, W. Bro. Alexander Anderson, is entitled to much credit for his untiring efforts to promote peace and harmony. It is the expressed feeling of his officers and members, and it is gratifying to record that a large measure of success is the outcome of his labors. I need scarcely say that in Bro. H. E. Griffiths as Secretary, and R. W. Bro. A. R. S. Ardagh as Treasurer, the Lodge has officers in those important posts who continue to demonstrate marked fitness for the duties assigned them.

Orient Lodge, No. 330, Toronto: The reception extended to me by Orient Lodge on August 1, 1899, will remain a red-letter event in my life. My Mother Lodge,

and of which I am a life member, has fully appreciated the honor, equally with myself, of the District Deputy Grand Mastership coming to the lodge for the first time in its history of nearly a quarter of a century. My chivalrous opponent at Ottawa, W. Bro. E. B. Brown, of Ionic, was present on this occasion and touched the hearts of all by the singularly graceful part which he took in the proceedings. The Lodge held an At-Home on November 29, 1899, which exercised a beneficial influence in promoting social relations. On December 5, 1899, I performed the ceremony of installing the officers. This marked the retirement from the chair of V. Wor. Bro. John Jones, Street Commissioner, for the fourth time. His unselfish devotion to the welfare of the Lodge has long been recognized and the presentation at this meeting of a handsome silver server was a sincere token of esteem on behalf of the Lodge. The W. M. of Orient Lodge for 1900, Wor. Bro. C. A. J. Farquhar, is sparing no time nor labor to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and I am glad to be able to testify that he is succeeding. The Secretaryship for 1899 was well attended by Bro. D. J. Kelly. This year Wor. Bro. F. H. Anderson is filling the office, for which he is peculiarly adapted, and it is only to record the generally expressed opinion to say that it would be difficult to find a Secretary more efficient and methodical. At the October, 1899, regular meeting of the Lodge V. W. Bro. James Macfarlane, Treasurer of Orient Lodge, was heartily congratulated upon his appointment to the office of Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge. It was felt that M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Q. C., Grand Master, honored a very deserving brother. V. W. Bro. Macfarlane during a long period has been a faithful and steadfast Mason and has never grown weary in well-doing for Orient Lodge and for the Craft. This Lodge now enjoys the services of a choir under the direction of a salaried organist and instructor. New furniture has been added. The canopy over the Master's chair being a special attraction. It was removed from the old City Hall in 1899. It was associated with the Mayor's chair for many years. On October 12, 1899, the Grand Master duly approved of a revised and complete set of By-laws for Orient Lodge. During 1900 the Lodge has lost by death a Past Master, Wor. Bro.

R. E. Bailey, and a member, Bro. Jos. Stinson. The membership of the Lodge in June, 1900, was 177, a gratifying increase. The financial condition of the lodge is also improving and the prospects are favorable. During the year the Lodge has expended in charity \$145; subscribed for the Sick Children's Hospital, \$10, and presented \$25 in gold to W. Bro. Alex. Gillies, a Past Master of Orient Lodge, who is now serving in the war in South Africa as a Serg. Vet. in connection with Strathcona's Horse.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: This Lodge meets Saturday evening to enable the traveling brethren to enjoy the comforts and pleasures of their Masonic Home. The growth of the Lodge has been phenomenal during the last few years, and the membership is now 210. The Lodge room is well appointed, and the officers and members are enthusiastic in their devotion to the Lodge, of which they are proud. On the occasion of my official visit, April 7, 1900, a candidate was initiated. W. M., W. Bro. Henry T. White and his officers exemplified the ritual in a creditable manner. The Secretary, Bro. W. Henry Bates, presented books and records kept in admirable order. The Lodge is strong in debating talent, and business proceedings undergo exhaustive treatment. The pleasure of my visit was enhanced by the presence of R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, D. D. G. M. of No. 11 District; R. W. Bro. Ben Allen, and the Worshipful Masters, W. Bro. Martin Leverty, of St. John's Lodge, and W. Bro. T. G. Balcolm, of Zeta Lodge. The Lodge gave a musical At-Home, February 16, 1900, which was a successful and pleasant affair. On June 23, 1900, R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins installed a new staff of officers. The new W. M., Wor. Bro. W. M. Grant, will continue a good work in this Lodge, and he has well-trained officers under his direction. For benevolent purposes the Lodge has paid to the Masonic Board of Relief \$22.56; subscribed \$50 to the Sick Children's Hospital, \$25 to the Insurance Fund of "C" Co., and \$25 to the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers, making a total of \$122.56.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: I made an official visit to this Lodge on November 15th, 1899. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate and this work was presented for my inspection. I considered it

fairly well done. Any imperfections observable arose from lack of practice, which is necessarily limited here to few opportunities. The W. M., Wor. Bro. A. A. Mackenzie, continued attentive to the duties of his office, although subject to considerable inconvenience, by his removal from Cannington to reside in Markham village. On the occasion of my official visit V. W. Bro. James Macfarlane, Grand Steward, took an active part in the proceedings and very appropriately remarked upon the admirable suite of rooms occupied by Brock Lodge. With a membership numbering 53, and the Lodge free of debt, I think ample evidence of Masonic interest is shown in this small community. It is true the members are enthusiastic and that the officers are more than usually well supported. W. Bro. J. A. Kift is a very careful and painstaking Secretary. The Lodge has subscribed \$5 to the Patriotic Fund, \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital, and expended \$5 in charity during the year.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: This Lodge is having a prosperous year and substantial progress is noted; a membership increased to 152 and an improvement in finances. I was present at the election of officers November 3, 1899, which changed an efficient W. M. in the person of Wor. Bro. J. W. Hickson for another zealous and untiring worker in the person of Wor. Bro. John Drew. At the successful At-Home of the Lodge, held November 24, 1899, I observed that a transformation had taken place in the decoration of the Lodge room and furnishings. On that occasion M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, and the D. D. G. M. from No. 11 District, took part in the pleasure of the social gathering. I reserved my official inspection for the regular meeting on February 2, 1900. On this occasion the Lodge was favored with the presence of Wor. Masters Wor. Bro. C. A. J. Farquhar, Wor. Bro. Alexander Anderson, Wor. Bro. W. J. Wilson and Wor. Bro. M. Levery, of City Lodges, and P. M. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, of Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge. The W. M. of St. George Lodge, Wor. Bro. John Drew, and his officers initiated a candidate in a manner which enabled me to commend the exemplification of the ritual. Bro. R. C. Gallagher is proving a worthy successor to W. Bro. W. J. Guy in the Secretaryship. The Lodge

is in good spirits and the musical service is imparting additional interest to the ceremonies. I note that the Lodge has expended \$10 in relief, subscribed \$25 to the Red Cross Society, and \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: My first visit to this Lodge occurred December 22, 1899. The I. P. M., Wor. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, installed the officers, and he performed the duty for the first time with singular ability. It is also due to him to mention that he was practically the acting Worshipful Master for two years. The W. M. for 1899, Bro. D. C. Little, removed early in the year to Honolulu, and therefore was not able to attend personally to the office. This meeting also commenced the joint occupancy with Alpha Lodge of the Masonic Temple, corner of Dowling Avenue and Queen Street West. This has proven a desirable and happy arrangement and of very material advantage to both Lodges. The Lodge and ante-rooms are comfortably and, indeed, elegantly furnished. My official inspection was made on May 25, 1900. A large attendance witnessed the initiation of two candidates. The W.M., W. Bro. T. G. Malcolm, and his officers exemplified the work to my satisfaction. I noticed that the books and records of the Secretary, Bro. E. A. Macdonald, Mayor of Toronto, are in satisfactory order. The Secretary, however, is fortunate in having a faithful and efficient assistant in Bro. E. A. Faulds. The books of the Treasurer, R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, appear in good order. With a membership of 114, \$600 cash in hand and no debts, it is stating a substantial fact that this Lodge is enjoying prosperity and the future appears bright with hope. On the occasion of my official visit the Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Bro. Russell Stuart; Wor. Bro. Robert Ross, W. M. of Alpha Lodge; W. Bro. J. W. St. John; W. Bro. Henry T. White, W.M. of Georgina Lodge, and a brother from New Zealand assisted in making the meeting long to be remembered as exceedingly enjoyable. This Lodge has subscribed \$15 to the Sick Children's Hospital, and \$25 to the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: By request of this Lodge, I paid an official visit on December 14th, 1899, and installed the officers, with the assistance of

District Secretary, W. Bro. John Watson. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate. The ritual was well and truly rendered by the W. M., W. Bro. R. A. Bunting, and was well supported by his officers. W. Bro. Bunting is enjoying a second term in the chair. I am entirely satisfied that he is unselfishly discharging his duty to the Lodge. The growth is necessarily slow, but it does grow a little. The membership is now 36, and the financial condition is healthy, there being \$200 of funds and no liabilities. I shall remember this Lodge. It is the only one in which I narrowly escaped a Board of Trial. Fortunately a brother was able to vouch for me, or I suppose the D. D. G. M. would have been compelled to undergo an examination to permit his admission to the Lodge room. Although I exhibited the official document issued by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, which should be conclusive credentials, I am afraid it did not carry that conviction to the minds of the brethren in Pickering Lodge. This Lodge is talking of making some change at an opportune time as to Lodge quarters. The Secretary, B. M. Stewart, is a young brother, and is performing his duties in a capable manner.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: This Lodge is located near the Eastern corporation limits of the City of Toronto. I visited officially on December 18, 1899, when I installed the officers. On that occasion, on behalf of the Lodge, I presented the retiring W. M., W. Bro. W. J. A. Carnahan, with a Past Master's Jewel. The present W. M. is W. Bro. William Edward Fitzpatrick. He is a faithful officer, and is giving careful attention to the affairs of the Lodge. Very fair progress is being made and the membership is now 75. The Secretary, Bro. H. A. Giles, keeps his books and records in excellent order. The Lodge has expended \$5 in charity and subscribed \$5 to the Sick Children's Hospital. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, honored this Lodge, and V. W. Bro. John Parsell, by appointing the latter to the office of Grand Standard-Bearer. This Lodge applied to me for a ruling defining its jurisdiction, and especially relating to the Lodges in the City of Toronto. The ruling is recited in another paragraph in my report. Acacia Lodge some months ago submitted to me a complaint against Rehoboam

Lodge, No. 65, Toronto, in District No. 11. A conflict of opinion has arisen between Acacia and Rehoboam as to the correct interpretation of clause 215 of the Constitution. A resident of East Toronto was initiated in Rehoboam. He has an office in Toronto, where he earns a portion of his income. I expressed the view that the jurisdiction of Acacia had been invaded in this instance, and that it did not appear to me that a reasonable and impartial reading of the Constitution would sustain the action of Rehoboam. I understand that Acacia is pressing the case for a decision and that in due course it will come under the consideration of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at Grand Lodge.

A year ago I gladly assumed the cares of the office of D. D. G. M. With quite as much pleasure I now see the mantle fall on other shoulders. This feeling will be understood fully by those who have passed through this experience. It was my ambition to achieve this high honor in the Craft I love so well.

While conscious of my shortcomings in filling this position, I feel thankful that I have not failed in making an earnest effort to discharge the many duties. Pleasant memories only will remain with me. I have enlarged my circle of friends. I gratefully acknowledge lasting obligations to staunch comrades, who have sustained me by counsel, sympathy and assistance. For these, in coming years, I shall look for opportunities to return in some measure their highly prized consideration and heartfelt regard for me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

F. G. INWOOD, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District, No. 11A.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & M. A. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Toronto East District, No 11a, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

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ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I take great pleasure in presenting this report of the work in Ontario District during my tenure of the office of D. D. G. M. However, I must first thank the representatives who kindly conferred the great honor on me of electing me to this responsible office at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, in the City of Ottawa.

I have discharged the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and wherein I have failed to do my part I assure you that it was not due to indifference on my part, but rather to the pressing calls of my profession.

I sincerely regret that so many of the W. M.'s are inclined to give the work in too liberal a manner, and this especially applies to those who are ranked as public speakers, who depend largely on a ready tongue to carry them through. Much more attention should be given with the object of having the work uniform. However the general character of the work is above the average, and a few Lodges give it in the most perfect manner possible.

My first act as D. D. G. M. was to issue the following circular, and I am very sorry that so many of the Secretaries are so slow with their returns and notices of meetings. I have had to notify some more than once before I heard from them at all.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
A. F. AND A. M.

Ontario District, No. 12.

KEENE, ONT., July 28, 5899.

DEAR SIR AND WOR. BROTHER :

I have pleasure in notifying you that I have been elected to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master for Ontario District No. 12.

Please do me the favor to instruct the Secretary of your lodge to forward to me, here, copies of all summonses issued.

May I direct your attention to the expressed wish of the Grand Lodge, that an earnest effort be made to bring into communication with the Craft, all brethren now non-affiliated. I would urge, very strongly indeed, that you give personal attention to this matter and I trust that your efforts will have very favorable results.

It is my purpose to officially visit all Lodges in this District during the year, and it will be a pleasure and gratifying as well, to meet as large a number of the brethren as possible.

Wishing yourself and your lodge continued success.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN M. SHAW,
D. D. G. M.

I have granted dispensations to the following Lodges to attend Divine Service in regalia on St. John's Day, viz.: Faithful Brethren, 77, Lindsay; Hope, 114, Port Hope; Peterboro, 155, Peterboro; Arcadia, 440, Minden, and Havelock, 435, Havelock, for July 1st.

I have had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following Lodges: Jan. 9, Norwood, 223; Jan. 11, Keene, 374, when I was assisted by V. W. McNeil and W. Bro. McCamus; Jan. 12, Havelock, 435, when I was assisted by R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, V. W. H. C. Winch and W. Bro. Wensley; Feb. 15, Orono, 325; June 25, Fidelity, 428, Port Perry, when I was ably assisted by W. Bro. F. Harrison.

All the Lodges with three exceptions paid the usual fee of \$5 towards my expenses, so I have nothing to complain of in that line.

On Monday, April 16th, we held a very successful Lodge of Instruction under the warrant of Faithful Brethren Lodge, 77, at Lindsay. Owing to the enthusiastic manner of the Masons of Lindsay, led by His Honor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, all the visitors had a good time. The morning session was taken up with a general talk on the condition of Masonry in general, and our district in particular. In the afternoon W. Bro. Collinson and officers of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, of Port Hope, gave the first degree in splendid style. The criticisms were very few indeed. This was followed by: Proper manner of examining visitors and vouching. In the evening W. Bro. G. H. Linton and officers of Orono Lodge, advanced a member of their Lodge by request. This degree was also given with dash and at the same

time care. This was followed by Arcadia Lodge, 440, W. Bro. A. H. Brandon, W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Watson and officers, who gave the third degree in an almost faultless manner. This was the more noteworthy, as the members had never seen the degrees given outside their own Lodge room before. Altogether the Masons who attended, to the number of over 150, were well pleased and received a large amount of instruction. The Lindsay brethren had a splendid banquet, presided over by His Honor R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, after the Lodge closed, when the usual toasts were given and ably replied to.

Acting on plan laid down by my predecessor, I have arranged my report as to number of Lodge and not date of visit.

Ontario, 26, Port Hope, July 6th: W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Young and his officers gave the first degree in a very careful and impressive manner. The books are well kept and the Lodge is in a good position, but the dues ought to be collected better than they are. Attendance very good.

Composite 30, Whitby, June 14: W. Bro. Hatch, with his well-known ability, gave the third degree, assisted by R. W. A. Ross and W. Bro. Linton. This Lodge works well and the Secretary looks well after the dues. The attendance was good and great interest was shown in the business on hand.

Jerusalem, 31, Bowmanville, June 13: Wor. Bro. D. Burk Simpson, I. P. M., gave the first degree in a most impressive, if liberal, manner. W. Bro. Blair showed much greater care and exactness in the second degree. The Wardens (especially J. W.) did their work well. Attendance good, and all take a great interest in Masonry, especially the I. P. M., W. Bro. Simpson. This Lodge has made the largest gain in the district. Books in good condition and dues very well collected.

Mount Zion, 39, Brooklin, June 12: First degree given in a very careful manner. Owing to its small jurisdiction we can't expect this Lodge to grow very much. Books all right and dues fairly well collected. W. Bro. Armour is the mainstay of the Lodge.

Durham, 66, Newcastle, June 19: The third degree was well given by I. P. M. Rev. J. Faircourt and Wardens. The W. M., Dr. A. Faircourt, cannot devote

enough time from his practice. They are very comfortable in their new hall and are taking a greater interest in Masonry than ever. Dues ought to be collected much better than they are.

Faithful Brethren, 77, Lindsay: My first visit was on Dec. 1, 1899, when officers were elected and I introduced the question of holding a Lodge of Instruction in Lindsay; March 22, 1900, when I completed arrangements for a Lodge of Instruction on June 1st, 1900, when I saw two candidates initiated. I. P. M. Wor. Bro. McMahon assisted the W. M. All the officers, but especially the Junior Warden, gave the work in a very creditable manner. On this occasion I had the very great pleasure of presenting a fine gold P. M. Jewel, suitably inscribed, to W. Bro. McMahon, who well deserved it. This Lodge, from being almost at stagnation point, has revived wonderfully, largely owing to the energetic work of R. W. Bros. Harding and Armour and W. Bro. Baker and others. Books are well kept, but dues ought to be better looked after. Attendance and interest of the best. Prospects very good.

Corinthian, 101, Peterboro, April 11th and May 9th: I had the pleasure of seeing two seconds and two thirds. This Lodge is one of the most perfect workers in the district, as W. Bro. Beatty would sooner talk Masonry any day than eat. Books are well kept, but dues ought to be better looked after. Prospects bright.

Hope, 114, Port Hope, July 6: W. Bro. Collinson gave the second degree in a very exact and careful manner. They had given the first in splendid form at our Lodge of Instruction. Books are well kept, but dues are poorly paid up. Attendance and interest good.

Lebanon, 139, Oshawa, June 15th: W. Bro. Dicky was ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Punshon, if in a liberal manner, in exemplifying the third. The Wardens and Deputies also did their work well. Prospects are good and dues fairly well collected.

J. B. Hall, 145, Oct. 12, 1899: On this occasion I was assisted by V. W. Bro. Munro and W. Bro. McCamus. W. Bro. Smith and officers, especially the I. G., exemplified the third degree in a very careful manner. The books are very well kept and only four members over twelve months behind.

Peterboro, 155, Peterboro, May 4 and 25: W. Bro.

Rev. W. L. Armitage and officers, assisted by P. M.'s, conferred three firsts and two thirds in an almost faultless manner. Owing to meeting often, and the very great interest taken in Masonry in the town, Peterboro heads the list as being the largest by far in the district. W. Bro. R. W. McFadden is a model Secretary, but too many members are behind in paying their dues. Prospects are the best.

Norwood, 223, Norwood, Jan. 9th: I installed Wor. Bro. Dr. Moffatt as W. M., and another Doctor as J. W., and I looked in vain for good reports of Old Norwood. Masonry seems to be very flat, and unless some revival takes place 223 will have to be closed up. There is no reason why Masonry should not flourish in Norwood as it once did.

Verulam, 268, Bobcaygeon, Feb. 20: I am sorry to report prospects as being extremely poor. There were about 20 members out to welcome me, and I think with united action something could yet be done. Meetings are very irregular.

Cedar, 270, Oshawa, June 15: W. Bro. Henry and Wardens exemplified parts of the degrees and other work in a very careful manner, but ought to be more exact. Books fairly well kept and dues better looked after than usual. Prospects very good.

Clementi, 313, Lakefield, March 13th: I visited this, my Mother Lodge, on this date and had a splendid reception. V. W. Munro was out and looked very well in the Grand Lodge regalia presented by the Lodge as a token of his great interest in the Lodge's welfare. The W. M. and officers gave two thirds in an exceedingly exact manner, and they were sure of the work in every particular. The model Secretary, Bro. R. Q. Dench, was, as usual, out. Books well cared for and dues are well looked after. Prospects good.

Orono, 325, Orono, Feb. 15th: On this occasion I had the pleasure of installing an old P. M., W. Bro. G. H. Linton, after which two candidates were initiated in a careful manner, but with a certain dash and spirit. The attendance was good and greater interest is being taken in lodge matters. Books look well and dues very well looked after. Prospects very good.

Keene, 374, Keene: As I have been Secretary of this Lodge for several years, I will not say very much. I

installed the officers on Jan. 11, assisted by V. W. Bro. McNeil and W. Bro. McCamus. We are very particular as regards the material brought up, and consequently our numbers are not large. Owing to the removal of the W. M., the Rev. J. Bushell, the work fell on the P. M.'s. W. Bro. McCamus gave the first and second and V. W. Bro. McNeil the third with their usual ability.

Lorne, 375, Omemee, May 17: I was again assisted by V. W. Bro. Munro and W. Bro. the Rev. William Farncomb, of Fenelon Falls. This lodge needs no old-time revival, and is getting into a better financial condition, and if the dues were collected properly they would be all right. Prospects should be all right.

Victoria, 398, Kirkefield, June 5th: A good attendance and lots of interest, but something seems lacking. The W. M. and officers have the work up well. Here, as in all small places, young men join and then seek new pastures, so that although a large number pass through, they do not build up the local Lodge. I have not received the returns from the Secretary so far.

The Spry, 406, Fenelon Falls, June 6th: I saw one second and one third conferred in a fair manner by Wor. Bro. Dr. Graham and Wardens. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald is very enthusiastic. Wor. Bro. Wm. Farncomb is one of the most energetic Masons in the district. Books well managed and dues not bad.

Murray, 408, Beaverton, Feb. 13: This was a very stormy night, but a number of the members walked six and eight miles to attend the meeting. W. Bro. Williamson is very earnest and pushing. This Lodge has lost two brothers by death during the year, and I hope Grand Lodge will act in the matter, especially of the widow and family of our late Bro. McArthur. Books well managed and dues all paid up. This is the best Lodge in Ontario District for this.

Fidelity, 428, Port Perry, June 25: On this visit I assisted W. Bro. F. Harrison at installation of the officers. The room is one of the best and all the work and management is very exact; in fact, none better for all-round care and attention to constitution and details. Books are the neatest I have seen yet, excepting, perhaps Bro. Dench's, of 313. W. Bro. Spence is the right man in the right place. Dues are well looked after. W. Bro. Armour gave me a very pleasant drive from Myrtle.

Havelock, 435, Havelock, Jan. 12: I installed the officers, being ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, V. W. Bro. H. C. Winch and W. Bro. C. Wensley. This is a good working lodge and is largely due to the hard work of P. M. Williams and W. M. Dodds. Books have been well handled and dues are not bad.

Arcadia, 440, Minden, May 11: I will not soon forget my trip to our Baby Lodge. Eight miles of awful road, but the reception afterwards will amply repay a visit to Arcadia, Minden. W. Bro. Brandon and officers assisted by W. Bro. Watson, I. P. M., conferred a third on a brother who came over 30 miles. The work was well done. Books are very neat and dues well collected. Prospects are good.

I must thank the brethren for their uniform courtesy and kindness in many ways. The welcome was a true Masonic one. The expenses were met, even in some cases the hotel bill being paid. No D. D. G. M. will have more pleasant memories of visits to the Lodges of Ontario District than I will.

I must mention, before I close this rambling report, the great loss to Masonry in the district by the death of R. W. Bro. the Rev. V. Clementi, P. G. C., and for many years Chaplain of Corinthian Lodge, 101.

At each official visit I always found out how the P. M. degree was given, and in most cases gave the secret work. All the Lodges have the opening and closing up pat.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN M. SHAW, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District, No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report on the Condition of Masonry in the Thirteenth Masonic District for the past year.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. Rev. M. W. McLean, M., A., District Chaplain, and V. Wor. Bro. Wm. McKeown, of The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, as District Secretary, to whom I am under many obligations for their efficient services so cheerfully rendered. I have visited officially all the Lodges in the district, on regular nights of meeting, giving the W. M. due notice of the intended visit, and all were well attended. I am pleased to say that in every Lodge harmony prevails, and with very few exceptions the Worshipful Masters and officers are well skilled and a credit to the Craft. Any criticisms of needed corrections were given the W. M. and officers at the close of the Lodge, and were received in the best spirit.

The brethren of this district having selected me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. at the last meeting of Grand Lodge at Ottawa, I take this opportunity of expressing to them my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and also for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and members of all the Lodges on the occasion of my official visits.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: My first official visit was made to Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Sept. 14th. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Morden, Newton, McKeown, and a large number of brethren. We were received, entertained and banquetted most loyally, for which this Lodge has deservedly the highest reputation. I also felt highly honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. Stafford, P. D. D. G. M., and so many brethren from

Star in the East, Deseronto and Lake Lodges. The W. M., Bro. Spafford, had work for all the degrees, but as we arrived a little late there was only time for one initiation, which was very creditably performed. The distinct enunciation of the W. M. and his officers deserve the highest commendation. The J. W., Dr. Wright, gave his lecture, and also the charge almost verbatim, and impressively, and I congratulate the Lodge on their efficient Secretary and Treasurer, and the bright prospects of their Lodge.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69: Visited Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Sept. 21st, and was kindly welcomed by the W. M. and R. W. Bro. J. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M. The work consisted of two initiations, which were conferred by the W. M., W. Bowerman, in a commendable manner, being well supported by his officers. The J. W. gave his lecture for the first time very creditably. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well paid up. The Lodge is well conducted and its prospects good. The fourth degree proved a most pleasant and happy close to a very profitable meeting.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239: Visited Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Oct. 13th. Was accompanied by W. Bro. Mikel and a number of brethren, and we were kindly welcomed and well entertained. The third degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers in a satisfactory manner. I regret to say that the amount of arrearage for dues is too large, and impressed upon the W. M. and his Secretary the importance of having the dues paid annually. I was assured that immediate steps would be taken to collect them, otherwise the Lodge is progressing favorably.

Franck Lodge, No. 127: Visited Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, Oct. 16th, in company with Wor. Bros. Newton, Mikel, Morden, Frost and other brethren. The work was the passing of one candidate, which was performed satisfactorily by the W. M., Bro. Rose, and his officers. The dues are well paid up, and consequently the Lodge is in a good financial condition, which reflects much credit on the tactful management of its officers. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well and correctly kept. At the close all enjoyed the banquet, followed by the usual toasts, etc.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222: Visited Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Nov. 14th. Was accompanied by Bros. J. Phillips and A. Vandervoort, whose cheerful company was much enjoyed, as it is a long drive, and the warm welcome and the loyal manner we were entertained will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant evenings spent in any lodge room. There was no work, but from the way the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, I was satisfied that the officers were highly efficient in their respective duties, and congratulate the Lodge on having such a bright and intelligent staff of officers. The Secretary, Bro. Hubbell, looks well after the dues and his books are a model of neatness. This Lodge owns their building and have a bright future.

United Lodge, No. 29: Visited United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton, Nov. 16th. There was a fair attendance. The rooms and banqueting hall are tastefully furnished and decorated with all the modern improvements, and well equipped for the purpose intended. No better in the district. There was no work. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. Require more practice. Bro. Keeler is an up to date Secretary; only \$6 arrears in his books, which speaks volumes for the attachment of its members, and I gratefully acknowledge the kind reception and pleasant time spent around the festive board.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Visited Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Nov. 17th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Barrager. There was a good attendance, and had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Stafford and Dr. Thornton, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and a great many members from Star in the East and Lake Lodges. There was no work. The Lodge was opened and closed in all the degrees, and I was well pleased with the way the officers acquitted themselves. W. M. Bro. D. H. Rowe is evidently the right man in the right place. The Secretary, Bro. Bowen's books, are neatly kept, and has the dues in good shape. Prospects of the Lodge are good. At the close a pleasant and profitable hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Lake Lodge, No. 215: Visited Lake Lodge. No. 215, Roblin's Mills, Dec. 11th. I had the pleasure of the genial company of Wor. Bros. Newton and Alford and a

number of other brethren. The wet evening and muddy roads did not prevent a large turnout of the members, including R. W. Bro. Stafford, P. D. D. G. M., who has done so much for the success of his Mother Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees efficiently. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Geo. Roblin, is an adept at the work, as there are but few members in arrears. I congratulate the Lodge on having such an enthusiastic I. G. as Bro. Roblin, who has occupied the position 26 years, and whose welcome to every visiting brother is a benediction. The Lodge is doing well, with a bright outlook for the future. A pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table, enlivened with speeches and songs.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th.—This day for many years has been celebrated in Belleville by the Masonic fraternity with much enthusiasm. I had the honor and pleasant duty in response to the invitation of the Moira, The Belleville and Eureka Lodges, to instal their officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis, whose ability and familiarity with the work enable him to render any assistance called upon to perform, and I will long remember gratefully the kind reception accorded to me. It is a cause of special gratification to me to be able to state that well qualified brethren have been selected to occupy the responsible positions of officers. At the close about 200 brethren repaired to the artistically decorated dining hall, where a magnificent bill of fare was prepared by Mine Host Bro. James Wallace, whose reputation as a caterer cannot easily be excelled, after which two hours were spent in responding to the usual toasts and songs, ably presided over by R. W. Bro. Henry Pringle, who added much to the social mirth and pleasure of the evening.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48: Visited Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Jan. 9th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. O'Flynn and a number of brethren, and were welcomed by a large attendance. The work was one initiation.* Had much pleasure in observing the impressive and correct manner which the W. M., Bro. C. H. Tumelty, conferred this degree, who was well supported by his newly-installed staff of officers. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are correctly kept, but more tact will be necessary to reduce the amount of dues, an essential factor in the suc-

cessful working of any lodge. The brethren have a fine hall, well furnished and out of debt, commencing the year with plenty of work ; prospects first-class. At the close the usual repast was served, all separating in peace and harmony.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: Visited Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Jan. 12th. The work was the installation of officers, which was performed by R. W. Bro. G. R. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., assisted by the W. M., and one initiation, which duty was conferred creditably, and I congratulate the Lodge in the wisdom displayed in the selection of its officers, who are not excelled in the district. The J. W. gave his lecture in an impressive and faultless manner. The rooms are beautifully furnished with all the requisites for comfort, convenience and work, and much of its success must be attributed to their admirable Secretary, who has filled the office for over 30 years to the entire satisfaction of all, and has not been absent one meeting, which is no doubt a record-breaker for the district. At the close a feast of reason and a flow of soul ended a very enjoyable evening.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: Visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, Feb. 9th. There was no work. The Lodge was opened and closed in all the degrees. The W. M., Bro. Pollard, is an energetic Mason, and is much interested in the welfare of his Lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. Geo. T. Dickson's books show that there are not more than \$20 of arrears, and that the Secretary does his work thoroughly and well. At the close an adjournment was made to the dining hall, where a pleasant and sociable time was spent.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164: Visited Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, Feb. 13th, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Morden and Dulmage, and were cordially welcomed by a large membership and many visiting brethren from Consecon and Prince Edward Lodges. Their enthusiasm, good work, wise management and hospitality are easily up to the best in the district. The work was in the second and third degrees, and was performed in a faultless manner by every officer, and won the admiration of all present. I invariably find that when the W. M. manifests a deep interest in the well-being of his Lodge and perfects himself in the work, that his officers show their appreciation by

an assiduous attention to the duties of their office and by a regular attendance. The S. W. gave his lecture effectively. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Cunningham, has the dues well collected and his books are neatly kept. The brethren have very comfortable rooms, well furnished and attractive. We were hospitably entertained at the close.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283: Visited Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, Feb. 21st. There was a good attendance of its members, and also a large number of visitors. The work of the evening consisted in conferring the third degree, which was done by the W. M., Bro. Brickman, in a correct and impressive manner. He has a clear and effective voice and makes a good impression on the candidate. All the officers thoroughly understand the manner in which the work should be done, and see that it is properly carried out. R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Webster has been Treasurer for many years, and his books are always correct and he is held in high esteem by the brethren. The books of his lodge are especially well and neatly kept and finances carefully looked after by their very efficient Secretary, Bro. W. Jeffers Diamond. The Lodge is prosperous and prospects good. I was much pleased with my visit, the work done and hospitality of the brethren at the close.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123: Visited Belleville Lodge, No. 123, March 1st, and was accorded a warm welcome. The work was conferring the first degree by the W. M., Bro. J. S. McKeown, in a very impressive manner, and a more affable and courteous brother could not be found to fill this important position. This Lodge has been peculiarly fortunate for many years in having Masters noted for their executive abilities, and have paid a good deal of attention to giving valuable lectures on Masonry. Bro. H. J. Clarke gave the J. W.'s lecture verbatim et liberatim, and discharges the duties of his office second to none. Bro. Knight, S. D., also by his ability, adds much to the good standing of the Lodge. R. W. Bro. J. Smith has been Treasurer for many years, and his books are always correct. W. Bro. Adams, P. M., is a model Secretary and keeps his books neat and concise, and allows none to remain in arrears for dues very long. Consequently the amount of arrearage is small and the financial standing of the

Lodge is good. The amount of work on hand and in prospect bids fair to make this a banner year for Belleville Lodge. All were entertained at the close in a manner worthy of this Lodge.

Craig Lodge, No. 401: Visited Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, March 6th, in company with W. Bros. Newton, Dulmage and O'Flynn and a number of brethren, and met with a very cordial reception. There was a fair attendance. The Lodge room is well and neatly furnished, its financial condition good, and the books are in the hands of an efficient Secretary and Treasurer. The work was in the second degree and was conferred by the W. M. and his officers very satisfactorily. The S. W. gave his lecture accurately. At the close all were entertained hospitably. The visitors added much to the social enjoyment.

Trent Lodge, No. 38: Visited Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton, March 13th, and had the company of W. Bros. Wm. Alford and George Dulmage and other brethren. There was a good attendance of members and a large number of visitors from Lake, Consecon and Brighton Lodges. The work was the initiation of one candidate by the Wor. M., Bro. Robinson, which was performed in an up to date manner, the officers doing their part with promptness and correctness. The J. W., Dr. J. W. Farley, gave his lecture admirably. Their Lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are in good shape, and financially the Lodge is in good standing. At the close the usual refreshments were provided, followed by a good programme of toasts and songs.

Percy Lodge, No. 161: Visited Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, March 14th. The work was in the third degree and was conferred by the Wor. M., Bro. Humphrey, who does his work well and worthy of imitation, and was well supported by an efficient staff of officers. The Secretary, Bro. Padginton, keeps his books in excellent form and is a prompt correspondent. Financially the Lodge is all right. At the close a very pleasant time was spent around the festive board.

Moir Lodge, No. 11: Visited Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, April 11th. My intention was to make my last official visit to my mother lodge, so that I might know exactly how it compared with the other lodges,

but in deference to the wish of Cobourg Lodge my visit there was postponed to May. However, I can truly say that it will compare favorably with the best in the district, which is saying a good deal, as there are many Lodges hard to excel in their work and carefulness as to membership, finances, constitution and by-laws. The enthusiastic and loyal welcome I received from my Mother Lodge, enhanced by the presence of R.W. Bros. A. McGinnis, Henry Pringle and H. G. Stafford, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and so many visiting brethren from Frank, Deseronto, Lake, Stirling, Trent and Sister Lodges were convincing that I still hold a warm place in the hearts of my brethren, and was an inspiration I shall never forget, and an incentive to renewed diligence in old Moira's prosperity. Not old in the sense of decay, because it is as young and active as it ever was, but the oldest and wealthiest in the district, and only exceeded by Picton Lodge in its membership. There were 6 for initiation, 1 for affiliation, 7 for passing, and 3 for raising, thus showing the activity and progressiveness of the Lodge. R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis was then called upon to give his carefully prepared address on extracts from the Minutes of Moira Lodge from its earliest formation, which was replete with desirable information, and was received with much commendation. The work done this evening was one initiation by the W. M., Bro. C. D. Ashley, and his staff of carefully trained officers, and who, I am proud to know, still maintain Moira's high standing, following in the footsteps of the I. P. M. W., S. Morden, who added much to the status of the Lodge, and whose record has not been excelled. This Lodge is highly favored by having such an efficient Treasurer for the past 15 years as R. W. Bro. McGinnis, whose wise forethought in placing the funds of the Lodge where they would be most beneficial, is now shown by their returns. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Newton, P. M., whose ability in any capacity in the work is unquestionable, and whose books show carefulness and neatness, and that the dues are well attended to. At the close an excellent repast was provided, followed by a choice programme, presided over by Wor. Bro. W. S. Morden, bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17: Visited St. John's Lodge,

No. 17, Cobourg, May 8th, accompanied by W. Bro. W. S. Morden. There was a good attendance, who gave us a cordial welcome. The W. M., Bro. Bickle, expected to have work in the third degree, but it did not materialize, and as a result the only work done was the opening and closing the Lodge in all the degrees, which was done in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are neatly and correctly kept. V. W. Bro. Buck, the Secretary, has the dues well collected, and the Lodge is in a good financial position and prospects good. The proceedings terminated with the usual banquet and toasts.

The following deaths have been reported during the year, viz.:

Bro. Thomas Shannon, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, Aug. 6th, 1899.

Bro. Robert Hamilton, Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton, Oct. 6th, 1899.

Bro. James Pettitt, member of Havelock Lodge, buried by Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, Jan. 27th, 1900.

Bro. D. B. Solmes, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 38, Picton, Feb. 2nd, 1900.

Dispensations were issued to the following Lodges for the purpose of attending Divine Service:

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, August 27th, 1899.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, June 24th, 1900.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne, June 24th, 1900.

The expenses connected with my official visits have been promptly met with without exception.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the M. W. Grand Master, E. T. Malone, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, for their prompt attention and assistance in anything I required, and also to so many of the brethren of Belleville for their genial company on so many of my official visits, and shall always remember with pleasure the many kindnesses I have met with from my brethren throughout the district, and for cheerfully accepting my judgment in matters that came under my consideration. I retire from the responsible position with considerable satisfaction, knowing that Masonry is steadily improving, and surrender the gavel of office to

my successor, wishing him as pleasant and harmonious
a year as that just closed.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. LATIMER, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :

The year has passed, and it is with pleasure that I lay down the jewel of office, feeling certain that the district has many faithful and skilful brethren who will reflect credit upon the office and be the means of advancing the interest of the Craft in the Fourteenth Masonic District.

In submitting for your consideration my report upon the condition of the Craft in this district I desire to state that those principles which are taught so strongly by our Order, have marked the characters of the brethren so that they are not looking ever upon their own things, but unselfishly looking to help each other.

The Lodges in the district have been visited by me, with the exception of the Elysian, No. 212, which is located on a small island (Garden), directly opposite the City of Kingston, and has amongst its members those who are indefatigable in their labors for the Order, yet, owing to their locality, it is difficult to find material upon which the working tools of the Order can be laid, yet this Lodge is true to the principles and displays much energy. I am in hopes that it may yet become strong in members while it continues to hold so many strong members.

The progress of the Craft has been very satisfactory during the year, the officers performing their work in a very creditable manner, and in many cases ably supported by those who have passed through the chairs, still finding pleasure in the work they do in helping their younger brethren. It would not be in place for me to specially mention any Lodge, as they are all deserving of praise, for the interest, attention and uniformity of work. Eight of the Lodges show increases

in membership, four have decreased and two retain their position in numbers. Cataraqui, No. 92, of Kingston, leads the list, closely followed by Union, of Napanee, while The Ancient St. John's, of Kingston; Leeds, of Gananoque, and Lorne, of Tamworth, each add the perfect number seven to their roll of membership. The work of the district will be evidenced perhaps more by their contributions to charity, as I find that \$355 has been expended during the year by the Lodges.

“When charity prevails the Lodge will prove
A vehicle of virtue, truth and love.”

Care seems to be adopted by the Lodges in the protection which insurance companies afford, as the Lodge properties in the district have over \$5,000 of insurance against loss by fire

There has existed the greatest of harmony; not one grievance to jar upon the strings that should and do make life worth living

Hoping that a Lodge of Instruction would be of service in the district, I communicated with the three Lodges of my city, who entered heartily into the work, giving me every assistance toward bringing such to a successful issue. I appointed R. W. Bro. Robert Hendry, P. D. D. G. M., as District Secretary, to whose untiring zeal and energy I owe much of the success of the gathering. The circular sent to the several Lodges called the meeting for the 31st May, 1900, and stated: “The object of the Lodge is to have uniformity of work, to cultivate a better acquaintance, and to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft.” The work in the various degrees was performed by Past Masters and other officers from every Lodge in the district, who cheerfully rendered assistance. I regretted that circumstances prevented Simpson Lodge, of Newboro, from participating in the work.

During the exemplification of the work in the three degrees over fifty brethren took part. The evening session was attended by over three hundred brethren, representing every part of the district, some coming over 70 miles to assist in the portion of the work assigned their Lodge. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was received at the evening session, and honored the district by his presence, and was honored by the district by the

genuine hearty reception accorded him; and the work in the sublime degree was as creditably performed as ever it could be, either within this or any other jurisdiction, members of seven lodges taking part in such work.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston: Was one of the first Lodges which I officially visited, on the 5th of October. I there saw the work in the first degree exemplified, and the Worshipful Master, W. B. Dalton, with his staff of officers, ably sustained the reputation of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest in the jurisdiction. While it boasts of many men of rank, there are in it, I regret to say, those who from pressure of business seldom assist in the work. There are, however, a few who can always be counted upon for any work that may be required.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: This Lodge was visited by me on the 9th of February, 1900, when the work in the first degree was exemplified, W. Bro. Herrington showing himself proficient in elocution, which always adds much in the ritualistic part of our work. He was ably assisted by his officers. One feature that I have not seen in any other Lodge was that some of the younger brethren were appointed to offices, and in the discharge of the same proved that it is not length of service, but ability in the service, that counts. Those who only labored during the eleventh hour were found as worthy as those who had been bearing the heat and burden of the day. This Lodge has been doing good work, having good material, which promises much for the future.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: My Mother Lodge was officially visited by me on the 8th of November, 1899. Found a large number of brethren present. W. R. Bro. John Gordon and his officers did the work of the second degree in a manner that showed that zeal and accuracy hold a strong place in this lodge. W. Bro. Smeaton displayed much talent in giving the lecture on the tracing board. The financial standing of this lodge, which was at a low ebb a few years ago, has risen so that under their very careful officers the outlook is bright.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: This Lodge was visited by me on the 13th of April, 1900. R. Wor. Bro. F. S. Wartman occupied the Master's place, owing

to the absence of the Master. He, with his officers, exemplified the second degree, the work being put on as well as it could be in any part of the district. This Lodge has had its seasons of difficulties, but with the brethren who are now closely associated with it, giving their time and work, bringing harmony and good feeling among all its members, it will stand in the front of those Lodges which have great zeal for good work. The Secretary of this Lodge is Bro. James Cooke, who is the oldest officer in the district, and is quite an authority on Masonic jurisprudence.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: Was visited by me on the 12th of March, 1900, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Henry J. Wilkinson, W. Bro. R. E. Burns and Bro. James Ross. Rev. Dr. Saundes, W. M., with his officers, in a very efficient manner performed the work in the second degree. This Lodge has some excellent material among its members and they should make the old town of Bath well known by their adherence to the ancient landmarks, which by the harmony that prevails among the brethren will, no doubt, bear fruit for good.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newbourn: Was visited by me on the 7th of February, 1900, when I witnessed the work in the third degree given by W. Bro. R. Guy, assisted by his excellent staff of officers. This lodge owns the building in which it meets, and while there is a small debt thereon, yet it seems that in a very short time such will be cancelled and then the lodge will feel that other interests can be served in a better manner than at present. I had the pleasure of meeting the two P. D. D. G. M.'s, R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore and R. W. Bro. G. Anson Aylesworth, who are of much help in the working of the Lodge.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newbore: This Lodge was visited by me on the 12th of December, 1899. There was no work on the summons, so I had the W. M. open and close the Lodge in the several degrees, which showed an aptness in the work. During the evening there were present R. W. Bros. Lewis and Dr. Preston, who give much attention to the working of the Lodge.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Was visited by me on the 13th of February, 1900, when W. Bro. John Kee, assisted by his efficient staff of officers, exemplified the work in the first degree in a very creditable manner.

There were many visitors from Oshawa at the meeting owing to the carriage works being operated in the town. Bro. F. J. Skinner, Senior Warden, gave the lecture on the tracing board. The brethren take much interest in their Lodge and take pride in the manner in which the work is done. The prospects of the Lodge are good, and the material taken in is among the best.

Prince Arthur, No. 228, Odessa: Not being my own master, to my great regret, I had to disappoint the brethren of this Lodge, but the officers and brethren evinced their loyalty to the Grand Lodge by overlooking my unavoidable absence and by turning out a month later in large numbers to give the representative of the Grand Lodge a right hearty welcome. W. Bro. R. L. Gilbert with his officers exemplified the work in the first degree, and showed themselves very conversant with the work. The Lodge is doing good work, the best of harmony prevails among the brethren, and the officers are anxious to maintain the good record which they deserve to hold.

Minden, No. 253, Kingston: Was visited on the 3rd of October, 1899. Wor. Bro. Nicolle, Master of the Lodge, with his efficient staff of officers, exemplified the work in the second degree. The work of this lodge ranks with the best, the W. M. and officers giving much time to it, and their zeal is bearing fruit, not only in the manner in which the work is performed and the ancient charges observed, but also in the manner in which the principles of the Order are inculcated and lived up to. R. W. Bro. Fred Welsh, P. D. D. G. M., renders very efficient service to this, his Lodge. The financial standing of the Lodge is good and the prospects are bright.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: It was a very stormy evening on which I visited this Lodge, the 8th of February, 1900. I found only seven present. The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, P. M., who, with his officers, showed an acquaintance with the work that did them credit. There was no work and the Lodge had been somewhat dormant. The building is owned by the Lodge free from incumbrance. The evening was spent in devising ways and means of advancing the interests of the Lodge, and I am delighted to find that the prospects are brightening. At present work is presenting itself, and I hope that soon this lodge

will be among the first in the district. The best of harmony exists among the members, and also with the other Lodges in their proximity.

Lorne, No. 404, Tamworth: Was visited on the 10th of March, 1900. I found a large number of members present. The W. M., John McKnight, assisted by his efficient staff of officers, exemplified the work in the second degree in a creditable manner. During the evening I had the pleasure of presenting, in behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. C. R. Jones, P. M. of the Lodge, who is an excellent worker and one highly appreciated by his brethren. This Lodge has been doing good work and has a splendid class of members. I was pleased to find several clergymen, representing various religious denominations, in attendance.

Westport, No. 441: This Lodge was visited by me on the 11th of December, 1899. Unfortunately there was no work on the tracing board. Wor. M. Robert Flagg, with his officers, opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees in a praiseworthy manner. This is the Baby Lodge of the district, and it has shown a zeal that has brought forth much fruit, so that the membership is among the best in the locality, and the financial standing is excellent.

The various Secretaries are deserving of much thought and praise, for the success of the lodge depends largely on their zeal and the faithful service rendered by them. Among those who discharge the duties of this responsible office this district has many brethren of rank and great ability. I can safely say that with perhaps one exception my labors have been lightened by the efforts of these officials, who deserve the greatest consideration from their brethren.

The scythe of Time, wielded by that unseen hand, which is no respecter of persons, has been gleaning in many of our fields, cutting down some of the noblest and best of the Craft, whose names will, I have no doubt, be recalled ere this Grand Lodge closes its session. Cataragui, No. 92, mourns the loss of three from its ranks, while The Ancient St. John's, No. 3; Union, No. 9; Prince of Wales, No. 146; Simpson, No. 157; Leeds, No. 201, and Prince Arthur, No. 228, each have paid the last sad rites to one of their numbers.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist falling upon a

Sunday, I was called upon by the following Lodges for dispensations to permit the brethren to attend Divine Service on that day as A. F. and A. Masons: Leeds, No. 201; Lorne, No. 404, and Victoria, No. 299. From the reports of these gatherings I am assured that much good will result to the Order in these localities intellectually, morally and numerically.

The report is written, my work done; how, I fear to answer, yet, however imperfect it has been, such has been occasioned by my continued absence from the district, and is not in any respect chargeable to the members of the Craft, who in every manner possible made my year's work one of much pleasure. My reception was always of the most cordial nature, and through the Grand Lodge I desire to express my thanks to the Masters of the several Lodges, with their officers and members, for the assistance given; also the P. D. D. G. M.'s, who were ever ready to lend me their aid in counsel or work, and to the very large delegation, which at the last meeting of Grand Lodge in Ottawa elected me as their D. D. G. M., and which has so faithfully supported me during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. SHAW, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership.	Degre's conf'd			Adhila- tions.	Restora- tions.	Resiga- tions.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
3	Anc'ts Jon's	Kingston	145	7	152	9	11	11	1	4	4	3	1	12	2	14	20	\$61 00	4	\$59 00	Dec. 27, 1899	Good	V'y Good	Yes	\$ 870
9	Union	Napanee	84	8	92	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	8	22	25 50	12	62 00	Dec. 29, '99	Good	Good	Yes	1,000
92	Catarqui.	Kingston	129	20	149	16	16	16	3	1	1	1	3	12	15	27	27	67 00	8	258 00	Dec. 30, '99	V'y Good	Yes	950	
104	Albion	Harrowsmith	56	2	58	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	15	12 00	13	117 00	Dec. 27, '99	Good	All right	Yes	600
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	27	2	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	9	10	5	24 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	150	
146	Pr. of Wales	Newborough	44	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	9	70 00	10	20 00	Dec. 27, '99	Solvent	Fair	Yes	400
157	Simpson	Newboro	60	1	61	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	10	30 00	49	190 00	Jun. 27, '99	A 1	V'y Good	Yes	500
201	Leeds	Gaunacque	97	7	104	9	9	6	1	3	1	1	1	11	6	17	31	15 00	23	116 25	Dec. 27, '99	Good	Fair	Yes	600
212	Elysian	Garden Island	27	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	10	10	10	20 00	Jun. 24, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	500
228	Pr. Arthur	Odessa	34	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	12	17 50	11	22 00	Dec. 27, 1899	Good	Good	Yes	570
253	Minden	Kingston	76	5	81	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	13	13	13	20	10 00	6	42 00	Jun. 24, 1899	Good	Brighter	Yes	500
299	Victoria	Centreville	33	1	34	3	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	9	80 00	10	58 50	Jun. 24, '99	Good	Good	Yes	150
404	Lorne	Tamworth	41	7	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	13	.....	6	11 50	Jan. 8, 1900	Good	Good	Yes	.....
441	Westport..	Westport..	28	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	12	.....	10	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	.....

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in my district for the year ending June 24th, A. D. 1900. To the brethren of the district I fail to find words adequate to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. Also I desire to express my hearty thanks for the uniform courtesy and respect with which I have been received and entertained during my official visits.

I have visited all the Lodges in my district, and am happy to be able to report that on the whole Masonry is in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition and peace and harmony generally prevails. Throughout the district there was unanimous approval of bringing back suspended members and bringing into fellowship those unaffiliated, as mentioned in your address to Grand Lodge, and I believe good results will follow. Below is a report in detail as to each Lodge and date of visit :

April 16th, 1900, Sussex, No. 5, and Salem, No. 368, Brockville: This was a joint meeting, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate passed the second degree. Officers of both Lodges were thoroughly up in their work. Their lodge room is well fitted up, books properly and neatly kept, property well insured, perfect harmony exists, and the Lodges are in a prosperous condition.

June 4th, 1900, True Britons, No. 14, Perth: There was a good attendance of members and visitors. First and third degrees were conferred upon candidates, and the work throughout was done in a highly creditable manner. I cannot speak too highly in praise of the

work as exemplified by Wor. Bro. George McMartin, W. M. Secretary's books neat and properly kept, and Lodge prosperous.

March 16th, 1900, St. Francis, No. 24, Smith's Falls: There was a large attendance, including a number of visitors from Merrickville and North Augusta. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. A first and second degree was conferred upon candidates. Considering that all the officers were new, the work was very creditably exemplified. Books were neatly and properly kept by R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, Secretary, and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

May 31st, 1900, Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville: There was a fair attendance. R. W. Bro. O. Bascom, W. M., in the chair. There being no candidate, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The J. W., Bro. Emory, was called upon to give the lecture in the first degree, which was rendered in a most exemplary manner. Although not increasing in membership, the Lodge is in a healthy condition. Books properly kept and future prospects bright.

June 12th, 1900, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55: Fair attendance. A candidate received the third degree. The W. M. and S. W. being absent through illness, W. Bro. Angus and W. Bro. Magee filled the respective positions. Both being well skilled in the work, the degree was conferred in good form, and the charge was very creditably delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. Magee. The W. M. can confer the three degrees correctly. This Lodge has been very neatly fitted up; ceiling raised about three feet and decorated by pressed metal, with Masonic emblems; walls nicely papered, woodwork painted, furniture cleansed, upholstered and varnished, so that with the addition of a little new furniture this will be second to no Lodge in the district. Books are properly kept, and the Lodge is in good shape financially.

May 18, 1900, St. James, No. 74, Bethel: There was a good meeting, at which a number of visitors from Brockville were present. There being no candidate, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Officers were well up in their work. The Lodge room is neat and clean; books well kept; harmony and prosperity rule.

June 7th, Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens: The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The third degree was exemplified. The W. M. has his work well up, but is not well supported by his Wardens. The Lodge room was neat and well furnished; books fairly well kept. They have no proper register, and I recommended that one be procured. Members rather careless in their attendance.

April 3rd, 1900, Central Lodge, Prescott: There were two second and one third degree put on. Fair attendance. The work was demonstrated in an excellent manner. The W. M. and officers are thoroughly up in the work. The Lodge room is neat and well furnished. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Wells, keeps his books in an excellent manner; in fact, they are a model for other Lodges to copy from. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise.

April 6th, Cornwall Lodge, No. 125: There was a large attendance at this meeting, both of members and visitors. A third degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. The Wor. M. and his officers are thoroughly up in their work. This is a beautiful lodge room—large, neat and well furnished. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition and one of the best Lodges in the district. The books reflect great credit on the Secretary and Treasurer, on account of their neatness.

April 5th, Excelsior, No. 142, Morrisburg: Small attendance, only 13 being present. Owing, no doubt, to the bad state of the roads, many of the members residing in the country were absent. There was no candidate. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. W. M. and officers were not very well up in their work. There are still two factions in the Lodge, and harmony does not prevail, although I understand a better feeling exists now than was the case a year ago. The Lodge room is neat and well furnished. Books are well kept and financial standing good.

April 4th, Friendly Brothers, Iroquois, No. 143: A fair attendance of members and some visitors. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified in a fairly good manner. This is a comfortable little Lodge room, neat and fairly well furnished. Members take an interest in the Lodge. Financial standing is good and the books well kept.

May 29th, Lancaster, No. 207: There were 15 present. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate received his Fellowcraft degree. The work was only fairly well done, the Wardens and Junior officers not being as well up as they should be. The officers are quite capable of putting on proper work by giving proper application to it. The lecture by the J. W. in the first degree and by the S. W. in the second degree were very well rendered. The Lodge room is neat, clean and well furnished, one of the neatest in the district. Finances in good shape and books well kept.

April 25th, 1900, Macoy, No. 242, Mallorytown: There was a good meeting, 34 being present. The Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified. The work throughout was done very creditably, all being new officers and young members. The Lodge mourns the loss of their W. M., who was recently called to rest from his labor. The new W. M. was installed the evening after which he exemplified the work. Very good Lodge room, comfortable and fairly well furnished. The building is owned by the Lodge. Finances are in good shape. Harmony prevails. There is plenty of good new material and the members are most enthusiastic. There is a large increase of membership for the year.

May 28th, Farran's Point, No. 256: There were 15 present. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate was initiated. Several of the officers were absent, including the S. W. The W. M. has his work well up and exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in good form. This Lodge has seventy members, is financially in good shape, fairly good Lodge room, well furnished and which they own clear of debt. Dues well paid up. Books are well kept. Many members reside in the country miles distant from the Lodge room.

March 27th, Chesterville, 320: There was a fair attendance. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and a second degree was conferred. Work fairly well done. The Lodge room is poor, but fairly well furnished. Finances are in very good condition, and I believe it is their intention to secure a new Lodge room in the near future. The books are in a good condition.

May 22nd, Harmony, 370, Delta: There was a good attendance of members. A candidate was raised to the third degree in a very creditable manner, as was also the opening and closing in the three degrees. The W. M. and his officers are well up in their work. The books are well kept and financial standing is good. This is a beautiful Lodge room, well furnished and one of the best in the district. The premises belong to the Lodge.

March 26th, Henderson, No. 383, Winchester: Attendance good, including a number of visitors. Two candidates were expected for the third degree, but did not put in an appearance. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the work was exemplified in a very good manner. The officers and members seem to take much interest in the work. The Lodge room is poorly furnished and not suitable for the purpose. With the prospects of changing for better quarters this year, they prefer not expending any money in beautifying the present rooms. Books are properly kept and finances are in good condition.

April 26th, Lansdowne, No. 387: Small attendance—only ten present. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the first exemplified. Officers not very well up in their work. Deacons and Inner Guard absent. W. M. and S. W. both young Masons and desirous of getting up their work, part of which they have fairly well. The S. W. gave the lecture in the first degree in a very creditable manner indeed. This is still the weakest Lodge in the district, having but 21 members, an increase of 4 over last year. They have a very comfortable Lodge room. Finances in fair shape and books not very well kept. A complete new set and seal are being ordered.

June 6th, Crystal Fountain, No. 389, North Augusta: There were 23 present, including visitors from Smith's Falls and Merrickville. There being no candidate, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Some of the officers were absent. Wor. Bro. Dr. Waddell, W. M., is well skilled in the work and enthusiastic, but does not receive the support he should, from the brethren, they being careless in attendance. Books fairly well kept. The building is owned by the Lodge.

April 27th, Lyn, No. 416: We had a good meeting there, including eleven visitors from Brockville. The

Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. This Lodge is officered by Past Masters, and consequently all competent and well up in the work. Lodge room is neat, comfortable and well furnished. Books are properly kept and finances in good shape.

April 20th, Maxville Lodge, No. 418: Present, 18. After opening and closing in the three degrees the first was exemplified, all of which was very creditably done. The W. M. is enthusiastic and has his work well up. The Lodge room is neat and well furnished. Financial standing good.

April 19th, No. 439, Alexandria: Eleven present on this occasion. A candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree. The W. M. has his work fairly well, but is not well supported by his Wardens. They have recently moved into new quarters, a decided improvement on the old Lodge room. Books are properly kept. Financial standing fair. Considerable dues outstanding, but they are making fair progress.

During the year I have issued the following dispensations to attend Divine Service, as follows. To Macoy Lodge, No. 242, on Oct. 1st, 1899; to Salem Lodge, No. 368, and St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, on June 24th, A. D. 1900.

During the year there have been several deaths in the district not reported to me. Those reported to me are as follows: Bro. Murdoch L. Stewart, S. W., Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville; Bro. Aleander Cameron, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall.

I regret to say that some of the statistical blanks sent by me to the various Secretaries have not yet been returned and I am in consequence unable to give a full report of the work done in the district, but hope still to receive them in time for insertion before the reports go into the hands of the printer. This is a matter that should have the prompt attention of the Secretaries, so that the reports can be completed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the proper time.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my fraternal thanks to R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, P. D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls; Wor. Bros. S. R. Stayner, of Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, and H. F. Dees, of Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott; also Bro. A. E. Baker, of Merrickville

Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, and others, for their many acts of kindness during the past year. I have deemed it unnecessary to go into details of the many banquets tendered me during my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. W. WATCHORN, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 21th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.											
5	Sussex	Brockville	146	...	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	14	35	139 65	8	\$ 137 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	Hill Tst		
14	Tr. Britons	Perth	90	3	0	5	4	4	1	2	1	4	...	112	19	30 00	18	221 7	Dec. 27 '99	Bright.	Good.	Yes	500	
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	105	6	0	7	8	7	1	2	...	1	12	214	28	115 00	6	35 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300	
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	9	8	8	57 00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Fair.	Yes	125
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	65	7	...	2	2	2	4	1	...	...	13	114	15	5 00	12	40 50	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	600
74	St. James	Bethel	44	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	214	15	...	12	...	Jan. 26 '99	N V Good	V Good	Yes	600
85	Rising Sun	Athens	62	7	2	6	4	3	1	1	...	...	13	13	20	...	8	40 00	July, '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	500
88	C nral	Prescott	89	...	...	1	3	5	...	...	1	1	...	11	21	22 00	17	57 00	Jun. 24 1900	No debts	Good.	Yes	750
25	Corwall	Corwall	51	9	2	9	9	8	...	...	...	...	214	317	20	15 00	11	159 75	Dec. 27 1899	A 1	Excellent	Yes	900
42	Excelsior	Morrisburg	87	15	...	...	...	...	1	2	10	...	210	212	Fair	5 00	23	...	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	600
43	Fr. Bros.	Iroquois	78	4	6	4	3	3	1	1	6	...	14	519	18	5 00	6	19 00	Dec. '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	300	
07	Lancaster	Lancaster	53	5	...	5	5	4	1	1	...	...	7	11	13	5 60	21	152 75	Jun. 23 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300
44	Macey	Mallorytown	52	16	115	10	9	...	1	...	...	...	14	620	23	14 00	3	23 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	V Good	Yes	1,000
56	Farran's Pt.	Farran's Point	70	2	3	2	3	4	...	2	...	...	110	111	13	...	15	...	Jun. 26 1900	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1,000
66	Chesterville	Chesterville	93	2	3	2	2	2	...	...	1	1	113	113	21	5 00	23	143 32	Dec. 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
68	Salem	Brockville	90	6	7	6	1	1	3	1	5	...	213	417	22	19 20	24	247 07	Jun. 25 1900	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	1,000	
70	Harmony	Delta	65	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	112	113	16	11 00	4	19 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	1,000
83	Henderson	Winchester	48	...	...	3	3	4	...	3	4	...	13	114	10	...	4	20 00	Dec. 27 '98	Good.	Good.	Yes	None
87	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	19	2	2	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	13	47	10	...	5	17 50	Dec. 27 '98	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None	
89	Crystal Ft.	North Augusta	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	15	...	7	...	...	Jun. 24 1899	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None
16	Lyn	Lyn	26	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	13	13	5 00	12	78 00	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Improv'g	Yes	150
18	Maxville	Maxville	51	7	...	6	8	4	1	4	...	...	113	515	12	63 25	...	160 50	Dec. 27 '99	Fair.	Improv'g	Yes	500
39	Alexandria	Alexandria	86	1	3	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	118	516	12	...	17	...	Jun. 7 1900	Good.	Improv'g	Yes	None

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you the following report on the state of Masonry in the Sixteenth Masonic District during the past year. I have visited every Lodge in the district and am pleased to be able to state that the condition of nearly every Lodge is good, the work being well exemplified and general harmony prevailing.

The instructions which the D. D. G. M.'s received at the installation were not only helpful to us personally, but enabled us to assist in making the work more uniform throughout the district.

In the course of my visits I have impressed upon the brethren the necessity for greater accuracy in their work so as to secure this uniformity. I endeavored also to direct the attention of the Secretaries to the advisability of collecting the dues regularly, thus preventing heavy arrearages, and urged the brethren to aid the Secretaries in their duties by being prompt in their payments. I also laid stress upon the beneficial results that would follow from greater punctuality in opening the Lodges. Early hours would secure a larger attendance and keener interest in the work.

Amendments to By-Laws :

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.

The following dispensations were granted through me by the M. W. the Grand Master :

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, to elect officers.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville, to instal officers.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa, to hold an "At-Home."

I granted dispensations to the following Lodges to attend Divine Service:

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, Oct. 22, 1899.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, June 24, 1900.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, June 24, 1900.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke, June 24, 1900.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew, June 24, 1900.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, July 1, 1900.

I also granted dispensation to Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, to decorate the graves of deceased brethren.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to me during the year:

Bro. Welch, an honorary and charter member of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.

Bro. C. A. Prigg, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128.

Bro. J. E. Parker, Bro. William Irvine, Bro. Hugh Hinds, of The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.

Bro. T. J. Benbow, Bro. F. G. Balcombe, R. W. Bro. C. R. Church, M. D., P. D. D. G. M., of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: I visited this Lodge officially on Dec. 5, 1899, and was welcomed in a very cordial manner by Wor. Bro. W. Hogarth and other officers. The Worshipful Master, R. Shanks, was absent through illness. There being no work, the acting W. M. and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees very accurately. The attendance was fair. The books are well kept, and the outlook for this Lodge is very promising.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: On Dec. 27, 1899, I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers. Wor. Bro. Thos. Fraser, the W. M., whom I installed, gave evidence of his ability to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in a very satisfactory manner.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge officially on Dec. 22, 1899, and was kindly received by Wor. Bro. Gallagher, officers and members. The W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree in a very impressive manner. The officers are well up in their work, and the Lodge is to be congratulated.

lated upon having a most efficient Secretary. His books are among the best I have seen.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge Jan. 2, 1900. I was unable to be with them at their afternoon session, but had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of the third degree at the evening meeting by W. Bro. Parrington, assisted by Wor. Bro. Reynolds and the officers of the Lodge. I was very much pleased with the manner in which the work was done. The officers are well up in their work, and everything was done with the greatest harmony.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at their regular meeting in February, and was heartily received by the W. M., Wor. Bro. Dodds, officers and brethren of the Lodge. A second degree was conferred on two candidates. Every officer did his work well, and the Lodge is to be congratulated on its staff. The Secretary's books are well kept, and Wor. Bro. R. Pollock is a very efficient officer. The prospects of this Lodge are bright.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: I paid this Lodge an official visit on Feb. 12, 1900, and was received in a most cordial manner by W. Bro. F. Montefort, officers and members. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and a candidate was initiated, all being well done. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: I visited this Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers on Jan. 8th, 1900. This Lodge has had a hard time of it until Wor. Bros. Dr. Sparling and H. J. Beatty were placed in charge. I believe they have a Worthy Brother at the head of affairs in the person of Wor. Bro. E. Woods, whom I installed. He will, I am sure, keep up the good work done by his two immediate predecessors.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: March 6, 1900, the day of my official visit to this Lodge, the weather was very unfavorable, and the attendance, consequently, small. The W. M., C. Forbes, assisted by his officers, conferred the second degree on a candidate, the work being fairly well done.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I visited this Lodge officially on April 6, 1900. The attendance was

good. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., J. H. Reeves, in a very creditable manner, it being his first attempt. Secretary Bro. Alex. Morris has his books in good shape and is making a strong attempt to pull down the large arrearages.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: This being my Mother Lodge, I have had many opportunities of seeing how the officers discharge their duties. I made my official visit on May 14, 1900. W. M. D. H. McArthur, ably assisted by his officers, exemplified the E. A. degree particularly well. It is most encouraging to see officers take such interest. The Lodge books are very well kept. On May 25th a pleasant "At-Home" was given in honor of Wor. Bro. James Craig, on the eve of his departure to the Yukon, to enter upon his duties as Associate Judge in the Yukon. A Past Master's Jewel and an address were presented to Wor. Bro. Craig as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held in the Lodge. As the fathers, mothers, wives and sisters of the members were invited to be present at this "At Home," the evening spent was a particularly pleasant one.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on the 16th of May and was cordially received by Wor. Bro. Davitt, officers and brethren. This was the night of their election of officers. S. W. Bro. A. L. Frood was elected W. M., and I am sure will prove a worthy successor to W. Bro. Davitt. From what I could learn, the other officers are well qualified to fill their respective positions. W. Bro. Davitt and officers exemplified the E. A. degree on two candidates in a very impressive manner. I cannot say how the Secretary's books are kept, as he declined to let me examine them, but I have been informed that he has since resigned his office.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge officially on May 4, 1900, a few days after the terrible fire which wrought such destruction in Ottawa and Hull. Many of the brethren in Ottawa lost heavily by it. The attendance on this occasion was not so large as usual. This Lodge has always been noted for the excellent work done by its officers, and Wor. Bro. J. L. Culbert is no exception, as I have had the pleasure of witnessing degree work done by him on other occa-

sions. The Lodge has a good staff of officers and an efficient Secretary, whose books are well kept. The prospects for this Lodge are bright.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on the 24th of April, W. Bro. McQuaig, W. M., in the East. All the officers were present. The W. M., assisted by the officers, conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, the W. M. being well up in his work. The J. W., Bro. Anderson, gave the lecture on the tracing board and was worthy of honorable mention. The books of the Secretary were in good shape. The attendance was good.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: Was visited on May 8th. I. P. M. Wor. Bro. L. B. Scott in the East, the W. M., Wor. Bro. Rev. T. Garrett, being unavoidably absent. I was very much struck with the business-like manner in which the affairs of this Lodge were conducted, everything being done without a hitch. The candidate to receive the E. A. degree was not present, and Wor. Bro. Scott opened and closed in the three degrees, the officers doing their work in a creditable manner. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were in good shape.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: Was visited on the 11th of May, W. M. Wor. Bro. Sykes in the East, and a large attendance of members. It was the night of their election of officers, and I was informed that the officers elected are all capable men, who will fill their positions worthily. The candidate for his degree was not present, consequently the W. M. and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. The work was well done. The manner in which the Deacons did their work was worthy of honorable mention. The Builders' Lodge had a very pleasant reunion with the two Lodges from Ogdensburg on Nov. 22, 1899. During the evening the American brethren exemplified the third degree in an impressive manner. After the work of the Lodge was over an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall and an enjoyable time spent. I also had the pleasure of being present upon the occasion of the return visit of Builders' Lodge to the Ogdensburg Lodges, when our brethren exemplified the E. A. degree, one of our American brethren acting as candidate. The following brethren officiated:

R. W. Bro. W. Rea in the East, assisted by R. W. Bro. H. P. Macdonell as I. P. M., and Wor. Bro. Hopper, S. W.; Wor. Bro. L. B. Scott, J. W.; Wor. Bro. John Wilson, Bro. J. H. Putnam, I. D.; R. W. Bro. Fred Cook, D. of C. The work was the finest I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. A very enjoyable time was afterwards spent in the banquet hall, when eloquent speeches were delivered by distinguished members of the Craft from both sides of the line.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: I visited this Lodge on the 6th June and found a good attendance of members, but a scarcity of officers, the Wor. M., I. P. M., S. W. and Secretary being the only officers in their places. This Lodge has not met very regularly during the year, probably owing to the fact that the W. M., Bro. Cryderman, lives about twelve miles away, and the Secretary, W. Bro. H. Reilly, resides in Ottawa. The W. M. conferred the second degree upon two candidates, the work being fairly well done. The S. W. was not up in his work and the J. W. was absent.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: I visited this Lodge on 11th of June, W. M. Wor. Bro. Denning in the East. The W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Franklin, S. W., Wor. Bro. Dr. Switzer, J. W., conferred the E. A. degree upon a candidate, all doing their work very well. The Lodge room is not a very creditable building, but arrangements are about completed for another site, where a more suitable Lodge room will be built. Wor. Bro. W. Chamberlain is a model Secretary, prompt and neat.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill: I attended the regular meeting on June 12th. W. M. Wor. Bro. E. Carl Jones in the East; officers all present. The W. M. conferred the first degree and W. Bro. Morrison the third degree, all the work being well done. There was a large turnout of members, many of them driving ten miles to attend. The Secretary, Bro. J. Ferguson, is a very efficient officer. His books are neatly kept, and he attends to his duties with the utmost diligence. Masonry in this Lodge is in a healthy state.

In concluding my report I wish to thank the brethren throughout the Ottawa District for the honor which they conferred upon me in unanimously electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M.

Conscious as I am of my many shortcomings, while I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully, I realize that my work has been very imperfect, but to me at least the year has been one of profit and pleasure. Time would fail me to tell of all the royal receptions accorded me and of the many kindnesses extended to me, but I wish to assure my brethren that their many graceful courtesies and kindly services did not pass unnoticed, but will long be held in pleasant remembrance. I also take this opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation of the assistance and support rendered me by my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. G. S. May, of Ottawa.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. MACKAY, D. D. G. M.,

Ottawa District, No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 17, and a record of my acts as your representative during the year just closed.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. T. J. C. Rodden, a Past Master of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, as District Secretary.

I visited each Lodge in the district at least once during the year, and have received the utmost courtesy and kindness. This New Ontario, however, is a country of such magnificent distances, and being upwards of twelve hundred miles from end to end, renders it a somewhat difficult task for the D. D. G. M. to make as frequent visits as he might wish.

At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the honor of constituting and dedicating Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, on Sept. 30, and Lake of the Woods, No. 445, Rat Portage, on Oct. 5, and in connection with these appointments it is only fair to state that in consequence of being stormbound at the entrance to Rainy River, and the steamer Keenora being aground at that historical point known as Hungry Hall for some 56 hours, the Fort Frances engagement was necessarily postponed. On reaching Ft. Frances at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, I was met at the dock by Wor. Bro. C. J. Hollands, W. M., and on explaining the situation, the brethren made a grand effort and succeeded in getting a meeting the same evening. On account of the same transportation delays I could not reach Rat Portage again until Oct. 4, so the appointment with Lake of the Woods, No. 445, was likewise postponed. R. W. Bro. D. F. Ferguson, P. D. D. G.

M. (the Worshipful Master being absent from town), who was S. W., called a meeting for October 5th. I much regretted the inconvenience these two Lodges were put to by these unfortunate mishaps, but as they were occasioned by circumstances over which we mortals have no control, the brethren generously forgave me.

I commenced my Western trip by visiting Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, on September 26. Wor. Bro. Sherman, W. M., occupied the East, and on account of absence, the Wardens' chairs were filled by substitutes. There were about 35 present, and the second degree was satisfactorily conferred. There is much enthusiasm displayed by the brethren of this, the Senior Lodge of the West, and quite a healthy growth, while with such a list of distinguished Past Masters taking part, the outlook for Pequonga is all right. Wor. Bro. Sherman in the East is in his right place. The Secretary is painstaking and his books demonstrate the care and time devoted to his office. After the regular work of the evening some time was spent in exchanging ideas "for the good of Masonry," followed by work in the fourth degree in an adjoining room, to which the same attention was paid as to that in the former degrees. I was privileged in being able to again visit on October 4, when the first degree was conferred on a candidate.

On September 30 I met the brethren of Granite, No. 446, Fort Frances. On account of circumstances before described, this meeting was called at very short notice, and I was surprised to find 28 brethren to greet me at the Lodge room. The ceremony of constitution and dedication was performed in due form, and while for lack of time no degree work was performed, the Lodge was opened up in the three degrees, and I am satisfied Wor. Bro. C. J. Holland is quite capable of holding the position of Worshipful Master, while his officers give that loyal support so essential to the successful working of a Lodge. I installed the various officers, and after a very pleasant and instructive evening attended a banquet given in honor of the occasion. I can only say that Western hospitality was much in evidence. I think the future of this youngest born and farthest West of the Lodges in this jurisdiction is very bright.

On October 5 I attended the meeting at Lake of the Woods, No. 445, Rat Portage, where the ceremonies of constitution and dedication and of installation were performed in due form, R. W. Bro. D. F. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M., who is S. W., V. W. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, Wor. Bros. Weir and J. K. Brydon taking part. On account of the delays before mentioned, a good representation was not out, some 15 being present. The W. M. was not in town, but as the West and East are occupied by old P. M.'s, we may be assured the affairs of Lake of the Woods, No. 445, are in good and capable hands, while the career of this addition to Masonic Lodges in Rat Portage will be followed with interest.

On Oct. 6 W. Bro. McCrossan, of Pequonga Lodge, kindly placed his steam yacht at our disposal, and a visit to Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, was made. A goodly representation of members was present, and a pleasant meeting resulted. Raising was the programme, and the sublime degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. T. J. Cherry, assisted by his officers, in an impressive manner. After a profitable half hour spent in conversation, adjournment was made to the refreshment hall, and good progress reported.

On October 24 I visited Dymont, No. 442, Thessalon, where I was welcomed by Wor. Bro. W. L. Nichols and his staff of officers. Quite a number of members were present, together with visitors from this and other jurisdictions. A candidate was initiated in good style, and the Lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, demonstrating the abilities of the various officers in their work. At the close of the evening's work an elaborate supper was served in an adjoining hall, followed by song and speech. I left Dymont Lodge 'ing that it more than upholds the predictions of my predecessor.

On October 26 I arrived at Sault Ste. Marie and attended Keystone, No. 412. This Lodge has been somewhat handicapped this year, as the W. M. elected for 1899 did not, for private reasons, fulfil the duties of the office for the best part of the year. Keystone Lodge, however, has in its ranks a band of loyal Past Masters, who rallied to its aid, so that its interests did not materially suffer. Wor. Bro. R. Knight occupied the East, and with the other officers demonstrated that Keystone

Lodge is still to the fore. There was no degree work, and after the labors of the evening were ended we adjourned to the refreshment room, where a pleasant hour was spent. Keystone, No. 412, still holds its record as being a center of the stalwarts in Masonry, and as the prospects for place and people are exceedingly bright, so I trust will the Craft likewise prosper even more than heretofore. I must acknowledge the efforts of R. W. Bro. Farwell, M. P. P., P. D. D. G. M., and Wor. Bro. Knight for the comfort and pleasure of your representative.

I have had the privilege of visiting Fort William, No. 415, on several occasions during this past year, and have pleasure in testifying to the good work and successful record this Lodge has established. I assisted at the dual installation of the officers-elect of Shuniah and Fort William Lodges, have seen both first and second degrees conferred, and can say that in Wor. Bro. C. H. Jackson, who has been re-elected for a second term, together with his Wardens and Secretary, this Lodge has careful and painstaking officials, while the success attending their efforts render the outlook for No. 415 exceedingly encouraging.

In visiting Shuniah, No. 287, Port Arthur, I have taken advantage of circumstances, and attended my Mother Lodge both during Wor. Bro. W. J. Clark's and Wor. Bro. John Ritchie's term of office. I have seen the three degrees exemplified and can testify to the good work done and to the material Shuniah, 287, is introducing into the Masonic fold. I regret, however, not to see a larger attendance at meetings, both on the part of assistant officers as well as private members. This makes the Worshipful Master's duties so much harder, in addition to the taking away of much of the impressiveness of the various ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Morgan fills the Secretary's chair in a most careful and painstaking manner.

The By-laws for Granite, No. 446, Fort Frances, have been confirmed, also an amendment for Fort William, No. 415.

I have issued seven dispensations for purposes of attending Divine Service, Funerals, etc., and the fees therefrom have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. In closing I wish to thank the brethren of the district

for kindnesses received during my year of office. I have humbly endeavored to further the intrests of the Craft and the wishes of the M. W. the G. M., but knowing how imperfectly many of the duties have been performed ask for the exercise on my behalf of that greatest of Masonic virtues.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM SIDNEY BEAVER, D. D. G.M.,

Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & M. A. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No 17, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership, conf rd			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
					Total.	Regular.	Emergent.																							
287 Shuniah ...	Port Arthur..	100	5	..	5	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	12	\$46 20	32	\$301 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$3,400
413 Keystone..	Sault Ste. Marie	82	..	1	5	6	9	1	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	5	18	17	13 00	9	68 00	Jun. 26 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
414 Pequotung.	Rat Portage..	99	11	..	13	11	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	12	26	..	36	3 00	Jun. 25 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
415 Fort Wm...	Fort William..	71	10	..	12	11	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	5	17	25	53 00	19	554 85	Jun. 23 1900	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400
417 Keewatin...	Keewatin	49	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	11	20 00	19	31 00	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
442 Dymont ...	Thessalon	41	4	..	4	6	3	..	1	1	14	3	17	20	..	2	40 00	May 25 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	300
445 Lake of Wds	Rat Portage ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
446 Granite ...	Fort Frances..	41	15	..	11	10	9	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	11	25	15	..	..	33 10	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	300

Number of Lodge.

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you this annual report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District, No. 18.

When I was honored with the office of District Deputy I accepted it with much diffidence, foreboding all kinds of trouble and snares, but it was not long before all these forebodings began to vanish, for the great kindness and generosity I have met with at the hands of the brethren of Nipissing District is something I cannot quickly forget, for one would almost be led to think that there was a rivalry among the Lodges to see which could outdo the rest in hospitality.

I have visited all the Lodges in the district once, some of them more than once, and I have to say, Most Worshipful Sir, that Masonry throughout this district is in a most prosperous condition. Many of the Lodges I have visited have members living distances of from 25 to 35 miles from their Lodges, and they are found regularly at their posts at great sacrifices to themselves of time and money. Many of these I have made it a point to hold conversations with, and one cannot but be surprised at the true spirit of Masonry that seems to pervade them.

I have performed all the duties of my office faithfully and to the best of my ability, and I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the district for the many kindnesses shown me. Wherever I have visited I have impressed upon the brethren the principles as laid down in the M. W. the Grand Master's address, last July. I have corrected all errors, made suggestions when I thought them necessary, and strengthened weak Lodges and made their meetings attractive, so as to bring out a good attendance.

As a means of improving the interest and attendance, I have suggested that all Past Masters and every person else who knew thier work be given some little part to perform in conferring degrees, that sidesmen be encouraged to take part in motions, discussions, etc., and that social chat and refreshments (solid) be indulged in frequently.

On the 9th of February, 1900, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I performed the pleasing duty of constituting a new Lodge at Sturgeon Falls, with a membership of about 17, many of whom are old Masons. They are very enthusiastic in their work and have it well up, and I feel quite safe in predicting for them a prosperous future. I was ably assisted in the ceremony by twelve visiting brethren, six of whom came from Sudbury Lodge—a distance of 55 miles—three from Nipissing Lodge at North Bay, and the remainder from Madawaska, Mississippi and Moravian Lodges respectively.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: My first official visit was paid to this Lodge on Nov. 9th, where I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. George Tait, of Toronto, from whom I received much valued information, which has been of great benefit to me. The Wor. Master worked the first and second degrees in a very satisfactory manner, and R. W. Bro. Tait worked the third in a manner beautiful to listen to.

Powassen Lodge, No. 443, Powassen: I visited this Lodge on the following evening, Nov. 10th, and although no degrees were worked I had them open and close in the three degrees, and they did the fourth degree in a most enthusiastic and hospitable manner. They are a jolly lot of fellows and are prospering.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I took this Lodge by surprise on Nov. 22nd and saw them open and close in the three degrees with military precision, and exemplify the third about as near perfection as possible. This is one of the best conducted Lodges in the district. I visited them again on April 17th, when 24 members were present, and saw the third degree worked, this time with about as much exactness as it was exemplified on the first visit.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: So far as my experience has gone this Lodge may claim to be work-

ing slightly nearer perfection than any Lodge in the district. On February 14th, accompanied by eight of the members from Algonquin Lodge, I visited Granite Lodge and heard W. Bro. Pirie work the third degree in his beautiful oratorical style that was really a treat. This is a very prosperous Lodge; they own the building in which the lodge room is situated and are on good financial basis, according to the financial report read on the evening I was present.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: I visited this Lodge on Dec. 6, and shall not quickly forget the most cordial reception and entertainment accorded me. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. A. J. Young, of Cache Bay, I. P. M. of Nipissing Lodge, whose kindness and company I much appreciated. The Worshipful Master was unavoidably absent and the chair was occupied by Wor. Bro. C. R. Reid, who conducted the election of officers and worked the third degree in a highly creditable manner. In the matter of charity this has been the Banner Lodge of the district during the past year. They are on a good financial basis and can scarcely be spoken of too highly.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: I visited this Lodge on February 21st, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Barker, of Emsdale, I. P. M. of Algonquin Lodge, whose kind offices during the year I have much appreciated. The W. M., Bro. A. J. Whitby, is a good officer, but he is badly assisted by the other officers of the Lodge. Two initiations were very creditably performed, so far as the W. M. was concerned, during the evening I was present.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this Lodge on March 13th, and was rather surprised at the delicate health in which I found it, re work. They claim but one initiation in four years, but I have reason to believe that my visit has proved beneficial, for, by their notices of meeting, I see they have one initiation and another application since my visit.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: I visited this Lodge on April 9th. The attendance was not very large, but they seem pretty well officered this year and worked the second degree well. From former reports this Lodge seems to have been somewhat on the decline for the past few years, but I think it is now coming to

the front again. They are very hospitable and kind, and seem to possess much of the true spirit of Masonry.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: As this is my Mother Lodge, and the one of which I am now a member, I am not in a position to say much about her merits, but suffice it to say she is in a very healthy condition, is growing rapidly, and does her work well. We held a Past Master's meeting on the second Wednesday in May, which was in every way a success and stirred into new life some of the old Past Masters.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, Sturgeon Falls: As before stated, this Lodge was constituted on April 9th, 1900, and as they are anxious to obtain a charter at the next Communication of Grand Lodge, held at London, I delegated W. Bro. Bruce, of Unity Lodge, to pay them a visit and report to me, which he does as follows: I visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge and saw it opened in the first and second degrees. One candidate was initiated and another passed, and I have much pleasure in reporting that the work was done in a workmanlike manner. I inspected the Lodge room, which was not quite finished, but when completed it will be a good room. The brethren assured me that it would be finished in about a week. The room is 21x36, high ceiling, with two ante-rooms 9x10 and 8x9, and a refreshment room 10x36. They have already initiated a number of candidates and many others are waiting to come in. They seem cautious in regard to material, and so far have good men in the Lodge. The Treasurer's books show a balance in favor of the Lodge. It is my opinion that they have the material from which a good Lodge can be formed, and I will be pleased to hear that they get a charter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. N. SHEARER, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1899, to June 24th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degre's conf'rd		Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.								
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.										Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	
427	Nickel	Sudbury	101	10	2	10	7	10	1	2	...	...	...	13	4	17	216	20	26	...	Dec. 27 1898	Exc'lent	Exc'lent	Yes	\$600
443	Powassan	Powassan	26	4	0	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	15	...	...	...	Jun. 11 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	200
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	40	2	0	2	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	12	34	25	10	Dec. 27 1899	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes
352	Granite	Perry Sound	64	5	6	5	3	2	...	2	2	...	...	2	1	15	25	60	00	1	Dec. 21 '99	Good.	Exc'lent	Yes	Yes
376	Unity	Huntsville	75	4	0	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	13	13	16	20	00	...	Dec. 27 '99	Good.	Good.	Yes	500
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	41	7	0	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	13	13	...	...	11	Dec. 27 '99	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300
360	Sturg Falls	Sturgeon Falls	25	8	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	11	...	...	...	...	Exc'lent	Yes	...	...
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	38	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	11	...	...	6	Jun. 26 1900	Good.	Fair.	...	300
420	Nipissing	North Bay	77	8	18	8	6	2	1	16	...	...	1	12	8	20	13	33	62	17	201 75 April 6 1900	Good.	Good.	Yes	600
423	Strong	Sundridge .....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	...

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report:

1st.—That they have examined the following duly certified accounts, and recommend the same to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

McPherson & Drope, Hamilton, printing.....	\$ 369 50
The Spectator Printing Co., Hamilton, printing.....	293 01
J. Eastwood & Co., Hamilton, stationery.....	70 71
The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, certificates.....	456 15

2nd.—The Alexander Cable Company, of Toronto, whose tender for lithographic work required by Grand Lodge was accepted last year, having failed to obtain parchments of the necessary size and quality, according to the stipulations of their tender, the usual supply for the year was secured from the Copp, Clark Co., the former contractors.

3rd.—The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (those deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Printing and Supplies be received and subsequently adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to recommend that a warrant be issued to Sturgeon Falls Lodge, Sturgeon

Falls in Nipissing District No. 18, the requirements of the constitution having been fully complied with.

Faternally submitted,

L. SECORD,

Chairman Sub. Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. Secord, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowledged by that officer ; vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in the office.

The total Receipts have been.....	\$22,413 77
The total Expenditures have been.....	22,229 11
Receipts over Expenditure.....	184 66

The Receipts last year were \$21,040.92, making an increase for this year of \$1,372.85.

The Expenditures last year were \$18,793.32, making an increase for this year of \$3,435.79. which is largely accounted for by the subscription of \$1,000 to the Patriotic Fund and \$2,000 to the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund.

The following Debentures having matured, have been paid or renewed :

The Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co.....	\$ 10,000 00
The Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	5,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	5,000 00
The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	5,000 00
The British Canadian Loan & Investment Co.....	15,000 00
The Huron & Erie Loan Co.....	15,000 00

\$ 55,000 00

And were renewed or reinvested as follows after careful investigation :

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The Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co.....	\$ 10,000 00
The Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	5,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	5,000 00
The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	5,000 00
The Canada Central Loan & Savings Co....	15,000 00
The Hamilton Provident & Loan Co.....	15,000 00
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	\$ 55,000 00

The funds of Grand Lodge on May 31st, 1900, were as follows :

Brockville Debentures (face value), at 4%.....	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures (face value), at 6 %.....	7,000 00
Canada Central Loan & Savings Co. Debentures, at 4%	15,000 00
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co. Debentures, at 4%	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co. Debentures, at 4¼ %..	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co. Debentures, at 4 %....	5,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co. Debentures, at 4 %.....	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co. Debentures, at 4 %..	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co. Debentures, at 4 %..	15,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co. Debentures, at 4 %.....	10,000 00
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	\$ 85,000 00

Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on May 31st, 1900.....	11,486 88
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Total.....\$ 96,486 88

Making investments as follows :

Toronto.....	\$ 35,000 00
Hamilton.....	30,000 00
London.....	10,000 00
Woodstock.....	7,000 00
Brockville....	3,000 00
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	\$ 85,000 00

Which amounts represent the balance at the credit of the following accounts :

General Fund.....	\$ 80,405 13
Asylum Fund.....	16,081 75
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	\$ 96,486 88

The Board are of opinion that unless Grand Lodge at its next session otherwise orders, the Asylum Fund should be merged into the General Fund.

The Board recommend the payment of the following amounts :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	\$ 100 00
Grand Secretary, Balance of Incidentals to May 31, 1900	221 19
Grand Secretary, Advance for Incidentals.....	500 00
Grants to Benevolence.....	10,600 00
General Masonic Relief Association, annual fee.....	125 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.....	50 00
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\$ 11,596 19

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct and the Board recommend their payment :

McPherson & Drope, balance.....	\$ 369 50
The Copp, Clark Co., certificates.....	456 15
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery.....	70 71
Spectator Printing Co., balance.....	393 01
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	\$ 1,189 37

An application has been received from R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw on behalf of The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenton Falls, for the remission of a fee of \$20 paid by them for a dispensation *re* passing Bro. Wright. The Board recommend that the application be granted.

An application has also been received from W. Bro. Harcourt, W. M. of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto, for the remission of a fee of \$20 paid by them for a dispensation *re* raising Bro. Barker. The Board recommend that this application be granted.

The Board in recommending that these remissions be granted do so without wishing in any way to establish a precedent as to the remission of fees, but in both these cases the circumstances are very exceptional.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. HARGRAFT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. R. Hargraft, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg to report that they have received 281 applications, which they have dealt with as follows:

145 Applications from Private Lodges, of which 142 have been granted for	\$ 6,290 00
(3 having been rejected.)	
136 Applications from Local Boards, of which 131 have been granted for.....	4,655 00
(5 having been rejected.)	
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	\$10,945 00

Special grants by Grand Lodge:

Mrs. Wilson	\$ 150 00
Mary Wilson	300 00

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Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
Miss Harington	150 00
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Total amount of grants made at this Annual Commu- cation.....	\$11,620 00
Maximum grants have been made to 29 brethren and 5 widows.	
Interim grants were made during the year of 1899-1900 amounting to	\$ 545 00
Total amount of grants made at Annual Communica- tion in 1899.....	10,115 00
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Increase.....	\$ 960 00

During the year 1899-1900 the amount contributed for benevo-
lence was as follows :

Payments on Benevolent Orders	\$10,150 00
Grant to Hull and Ottawa Fire Fund.....	2,000 00
Grant to National Patriotic Fund for South African Contingents	1,000 00
Grants made by 61 lodges making returns to Grand Lodge.....	2,663 68
Grants made by Local Boards of Relief.....	2,544 93
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Total\$18,358 61

Returns have been received from all the lodges who have re-
ceived supplementary aid, except lodges No. 17, 77, 141, 269, 336,
386 and 432.

The Board are happy to note the improvement in the number
of lodges making returns, but recommend that no check for this
year's grants be forwarded to the above lodges until satisfactory
returns are received by the Grand Secretary.

Returns have been received from all the Local Boards of Re-
lief.

Nine lodges, making returns, and one Local Board of Relief
have contributed nothing to objects of benevolence.

The Board recommend that no payments be made on account
of grants to new applicants or to those in which investigation is
specially directed by the Committee, until investigation by the
Inspector.

The Board recommended that the Inspector be paid for his at-
tendance on the Committee the sum of \$15.00 and his expenses.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, se-
conded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Benevolence be re-
ceived and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board beg to report as follows upon the cases of Grievances and Appeals laid before them:

1. *Re* Wm. McAllister vs. W. Bro. Richard Waters, Belleville Lodge 123, G. R. C., improper revelations. The charge was laid in and tried by Belleville Lodge, No. 123, in the course of which voluminous evidence taken before a Committee of Warren Lodge, Chicago, appointed by said Belleville Lodge, was used. The accused was present in Chicago at the investigation and cross-examined the witnesses, but your Board do not consider the evidence given at Chicago warranted a conviction.

At the trial at Belleville, however, certain statutory declarations of persons in Chicago were presented and read to the lodge, and formed, to a large extent, the material upon which the members present upon the said trial based their opinion, and by means of which the said lodge found the W. Bro. guilty of the said offence and suspended him indefinitely. W. Bro. Waters had no opportunity either personally or by counsel to cross-examine these witnesses, and thereupon appealed to the D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District, No. 13, on the ground of irregularities in the trial, who dismissed the appeal. The W. Bro. then appealed to the M. W. the Grand Master, who remitted the matter to your Board. Belleville Lodge and the Appellant were represented before your Board, the lodge by the Secretary, the appellant by Bro. Morden, of Belleville, and after hearing the parties and reading the evidence and papers in the matter, your Board recommend that the appeal of W. Bro. Waters be allowed and a new trial granted upon the conditions (*a*) that the charge originally laid stand as good and (*b*) that the evidence taken in Chicago also stand, saving all just exceptions thereto, as evidence to which conditions the counsel for the appellant, being present, consents, and in the meantime that the suspension of W. Bro. Waters be removed.

2. Frederick Lodge, 217, Delhi, vs. Bro. W. H. Wilbur, threatening to keep an applicant for initiation out of the lodge for specified reasons. Bro. Wilbur was tried by his lodge, found guilty, and indefinitely suspended. From this decision the Bro. has appealed. The Board recommend that the matter be referred back for a new trial and decision thereon, and that in the meantime the suspension be removed.

3. Frederick Lodge, 217 vs. W. Bro. Chas. G. Wood. (1) Telling one S—— that Bro. Wilbur, a member of the lodge, would likely keep one T. M——, an applicant for initiation, out of the lodge. (2) Influencing said S—— to keep away from a committee meeting on the investigation of the charge against Bro. Wilbur. W. Bro. Wood was tried by his lodge, found guilty and suspended indefinitely, from which he appealed.

Your Board are of the opinion that the first charge is not a Masonic offence, and even if it were it is not proved against the accused. As to the second charge, if it be a Masonic offence, your Board consider it has not been proved against the accused and is denied by him. The Board therefore recommend that W. Bro. Wood's appeal be allowed and his suspension removed.

4. Marmora Lodge, 222 vs. Bro. Donald Clarke, larceny and conviction by court of competent jurisdiction. (See G. L. proceedings, 1899, page 307.) At the G. L. meeting at Ottawa in 1899, where Bro. Clarke was summoned, he showed cause, and your Board recommended the appointment of a Commission by the Grand Master to investigate the whole matter and report to the Grand Master. The Commission has so reported, and the Grand Master has handed the report to your Board and it is hereto annexed. Pending said investigation, the summons to Bro. Clarke was enlarged till this meeting of Grand Lodge, and he was in addition served with notice to appear here to show cause why he should not be expelled. Bro. Clarke has made default, and your Board therefore recommend that Bro. Clarke be expelled from the Craft.

MARMORA LODGE 222 VS. BRO. DONALD CLARKE.

To the Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone, Grand Master of the Lodge of Canada :

The undersigned Commissioners (R. W. Bro. Lazier being absent) appointed by you by the authority of Grand Lodge, given at its meeting held at Ottawa in July last, to investigate into the truth of the facts alleged by Bro. Donald Clarke upon his showing cause, at said meeting of Grand Lodge, why he the said Bro. Clarke should not be expelled from the Craft for an offence proved before Marmora Lodge No. 222 G. R. C., of which he was a member, and for which he was suspended by said lodge and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion, beg to report as follows :

1. The offence charged was that Bro. Clarke had been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction for misappropriation of his employer's moneys, and upon pleading guilty, was sentenced to imprisonment in the Central Prison for the term of eleven months.

2. Bro. Clarke's defence before said meeting of Grand Lodge upon his showing cause, was in writing, and was confined entirely to the transaction, briefly stated as follows : About September, 1894, Bro. A. W. Carscallen, of Marmora, entered into an agreement with Bro. Carke, then a clerk in his Banking House, to purchase certain lands (about 2,700 acres) from the E. O. Bickford estate of Toronto ; Bro. Carscallen to give Bro. Clarke \$500.00 if successful ; that Bro. Clarke made an offer to the Bickford estate which was referred to Carscallen (their land agent at Marmora), and upon his report the lands were sold to Bro. Clarke, Carscallen furnishing the money to pay for same ; that the next day, or a few days after, Clarke conveyed the said lands to Carscallen, and charged Carscallen with the \$500.00 promised as aforesaid ; that Carscallen in 1896, during the heat of a political contest, laid a criminal charge against him, and upon

the solicitation of his (Clarke's) friends and a promise of a light sentence, he was induced to plead guilty; that upon consulting a legal firm whilst in Central Prison, the Bickford estate procured a reconveyance of all the lands from Carscallen for a nominal consideration and Mr. Carscallen had to pay them \$1,500.00 or thereabouts.

3. Your Commissioners proceeded to Marmora, where they held an investigation, a special meeting of Marmora Lodge having been called for the purpose, and Bros. Carscallen and Clarke both being present. Your Commissioners had before them certified copies of the evidence taken upon the prosecution, and a statement taken from Carscallen's books by Messrs. Clarkson & Cross, accountants, of Toronto, used on the said trial. We annex a copy of said statement hereto and which we refer to hereafter, and your Commissioners had access to and examined the books of Bro. Carscallen for the years from 1891 to 1896 both inclusive, and we find as follows:

(a) The deed from the Bickford estate to Clarke is dated in April, 1891 (not September, 1894), and for the consideration of \$500.00 conveys to Clarke about 2,700 acres of lands in Counties of Hastings and Peterborough.

(b) The deed from Clarke to Carscallen of the same lands is dated December, 1891, for the expressed consideration of \$600.00, none of which was paid to Clarke.

(c) Carscallen's books show that in April, 1891, he paid \$500.00 for the said lands, said amount being charged in his books to the account headed "Methuen Lands."

(d) There is no entry in any of Carscallen's books charging Carscallen with \$500.00, which Clarke says in his defence was to be his recompense for said purchase, and which he says was charged by him to Carscallen, nor is any sum charged, nor is Bro. Clarke credited in said books with the said sum of \$500.00.

(e) We find that Bro. Clarke was not prosecuted by Bro. Carscallen for misappropriation of any moneys touching the Bickford estate matter, as the members of Grand Lodge naturally inferred was the case, from Bro. Clarke's defence, but the prosecution was for a series of defalcations or embezzlements running from February, 1894, to September, 1896, in various sums, aggregating \$1,527.72, particularly shown on the annexed papers, being the papers referred to in clause 3 of this report.

(f) Your Commissioners examined Bro. Clarke privately upon the said statement made by Clarkson & Co., which in short shows entries of withdrawals by certain customers of Bro. Carscallen, who had moneys with him on deposit. Bro. Clarke admitted to your Commissioners that none of the parties had withdrawn the moneys as shown by the books, that the entries of them made by Clarke in Carscallen's books were false and untrue, but his explanation was that Carscallen owed him money to the extent of the aggregate of the false entries, and this was his (Clarke's) means of getting even with Carscallen.

(g) We also find that Bro. Clarke was defended by counsel on on said criminal prosecution, and who advised him to plead guilty.

(h) We find as a fact that the defence put in to Grand Lodge by

Bro. Clarke is not true, but on the contrary has been abundantly disproved.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Jas. H. BURRITT,
Chairman.

DONALD CLARK DEFALCATIONS.

Donald Clark was employed by Mr. Carscallen from 1889 to 1st October, 1894, as cashier and bookkeeper at his Marmora office. The business carried on was that of a private bank, insurance and mining agency. The defalcations discovered are all in connection with the banking department.

Clark received moneys upon deposit, and issued either deposit receipts therefor or entered the deposits in a pass book ; paid out moneys to depositors, and kept a book account thereof. The plan of account is of the simplest kind, consisting of a journal and ledger. The ledger was balanced from month to month, and the postings thereto are from the journal exclusively. A cash book was also kept and balanced from day to day, but as all the entries therein were transcribed into the journal, from which alone the postings were made, the cash book becomes a subsidiary book in the plan of account adopted.

The attached statement shows \$1,527.72 as the total of the defalcations in eight months. The dates and amounts are those made from the entries of said Clark in the books kept by him,

The cash may have been obtained by Clark at earlier dates in most of the instances, and many of the amounts may possibly be the totals of various withdrawals which were got rid of in the manner described.

The plan of account obliged Clark to balance his books, the cash book daily and the ledger monthly, hence cash received or paid, if immediately entered, must at once be accounted for or the cash book would not balance. If transactions were not entered in the cash book the ledger must show wrong balances. The latter proves to be the case. The ledger account " deposit receipts " shows a balance of \$1,450, less than the amount of the outstanding deposit receipts, and the remaining \$77.72 has been improperly charged to interest account.

The personal accounts in several instances have been falsified in various ways, but the final balance appearing has in every instance been brought into accord with the true state of the case, and the two above named impersonal accounts are the only ones finally wrong.

(Sgd.) CLARKSON & CROSS.

1893.

Feb. 24. Cash withdrawn \$350 00
Charged as against deposit receipt No. 136
issued to one James Bailey for \$400, which,
was otherwise paid in full.

1894.

May 31. Cash withdrawn \$230 72
Charged as against deposit receipt No. 59,
issued to said James Bailey for \$800, which
receipt had been paid on 7th Feb., 1891.

1894.			
April 19.	Cash withdrawn.....	\$162 00	
	Charged as against deposit receipt, No. 71, issued to James C. Bailey for \$150, which receipt had been paid on 9th March, 1892.		
1894.			
July 6.	Cash withdrawn.....	\$ 80 00	
	Charge in Cash Book at folio 279, and in Journal at folio 418 as paid to James Bai- ley, said amount not having been due to James Bailey and not having been paid to him.		
1894.			
Jan. 4.	Cash withdrawn.....	\$120 00	
	Amount received from one G. B. Bleeker on deposit not accounted for as cash re- ceived, but irregularly carried to the Led- ger account of G. B. Bleeker on 30th April, 1894.		
1894.			
April 20.	Cash withdrawn	\$ 57 00	
	Amount received from one Wm. Stanley on deposit not accounted for as cash.		
	Cash withdrawn	\$128 00	
	as follows:		
	28th April, 1894	\$28 00	
	8th May, 1894	90 00	
	9th May, 1884	9 75	
	These payments were properly made to one G. McWilliams, the deposit which the Ledger shows not having been accounted for as cash, but arises as a result of trans- fer entries from the accounts of the afore- said Wm. Stanley and James Bailey.		
1894.			
Sept. 14.	Cash withdrawn	\$400 00	
	Charged to The Pearce Co. as a cheque in favor of H. Junkin for \$400, no such cheque appears to have been issued, and the two amounts making the credit in The Pearce Co. account, as well as the said withdrawal, do not appear in the Pass Book of The Pearce Co. That is, the whole transaction is bogus.		

\$1,527 72

5. Wilson Lodge, 86, Toronto vs. R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, lascivious conduct, etc. See G. L. proceedings, 1899 page 309. Bro. Sargent was summoned to show cause at this meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offences. Bro. Sargent has appeared before your Board.

Your Board recommend that R. W. Bro. Sargant be expelled from the Craft for the said offences.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board have received and carefully read the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the tabulated statements of the nineteen districts, and are pleased to report that of the 361 lodges in the Province, 354 have been officially visited during the year, and that many of them have been visited two or three times. Only seven have not been visited, viz. :

Thistle Lodge,	No. 34	.....	Amherstburg
Northern Light,	" 266	.....	Stayner
Minerva	" 304	.....	Stroud
Ionic	" 328	.....	Napier
Florence	" 390	.....	Florence
Parvaim	" 395	.....	Comber
Naphtali	" 413	.....	Tilbury Centre

Five lodges not visited last year have been inspected by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, and have been severally reported as in good condition. This is the more gratifying, because two of them have been working under dispensation, and were only granted warrants at the last session of Grand Lodge.

The Board, while urging upon D. D. G. Masters the necessity of visiting each lodge in their districts at least once in every year, request that special attention be given to the seven lodges named.

The Board are pleased to be able to report that the D. D. G. Masters have faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of their onerous and responsible office, that their visits have been looked forward to with pleasant anticipation, and that, in most instances, their travelling expenses have been cheerfully paid. It is to be regretted, however, that there are still a few lodges who disregard the oft expressed wish of Grand Lodge, and the Board trust that it will not again be necessary to direct the attention of lodges to their plain duty in this matter. The office of D. D. G.

Master entails upon the brother selected to fill it much loss of time, and subjects him to many discomforts, and the lodges should see that he should not also be required to incur personal expense.

In almost every instance the Deputies report a most prosperous year, a year remarkable not only for the success which has attended the lodges financially and numerically, but also for the harmony which prevails among the lodges and brethren. Not one case of unmasonic conduct has been reported to them ; not a ripple has disturbed the peace which prevails throughout the jurisdiction. This is reiterated again and again ; and the Board are informed that the few cases of grievance which are before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals are undecided cases of former years.

Effort has been made in the several districts, with some good results, to induce worthy Masons who for various reasons have resigned their membership to again affiliate, and thus bring themselves in Masonic touch with their brethren.

With few exceptions the Worshipful Masters are reported to be well able to conduct the ritualistic work of the lodge nearly all can work the three degrees as prescribed, and open and close correctly in each. The work as performed is becoming more uniform every year. This is accounted for by reason of the special attention given to ritualistic details by the D. D. G. Masters, who have been most indefatigable and painstaking in this connection by information gathered at Lodges of Instruction, and during fraternal visits to sister lodges.

Lodges of Instruction have been held in only three districts, viz. : St. Clair, No. 2 ; Ontario, No. 12, and Frontenac, No. 14.

The first of these was held on the 1st February at Oil Springs. The three degrees were severally exemplified by W. Bro. Hart, of Burns Lodge, assisted by the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260 ; by W. Bro. Belasco, W. Master of Washington Lodge, and by W. Bro. Parks and the officers of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158.

The second Lodge of Instruction was held on the 16th April, at Lindsay. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Collinson and officers of Ontario Lodge, No. 26. The Fellowcraft Degree by W. Bro. Linton and officers of Orono Lodge, No. 325. And the Master Mason's Degree by W. Bro. Brandon and officers of Arcadia Lodge, No. 440. R. W. Bro. Harding was present and contributed largely to its success.

The third Lodge of Instruction was held on the 31st May, at Kingston. Officers of every lodge in the district took part in the exemplification of the degrees. The stated object of this Lodge of Instruction was to have uniformity of work, to cultivate a better acquaintance, and to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft. At this meeting the lodge was honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master.

The reason that a greater number of lodges of instruction have not been held is that several of the D. D. G. Masters are of opinion that greater good is accomplished by the custom, which is becoming quite common, of the officers of one lodge being invited to visit another lodge, and to confer the degrees.

They say, and say truly, that in such a case the officers prepare and practice, as they would not otherwise do, in order to maintain the honor and reputation of their mother lodge. While recognizing the great advantage of these fraternal exchanges of visits, the Board adhere to their often expressed opinion that it is advisable to hold at least one general Lodge of Instruction in some central place in each district every year.

The secretaries of lodges have received a larger measure of praise this year than usual for their very efficient work. The financial success of the lodge, and the punctual and regular attendance of the members is due in many instances to the faithful performance of the secretary's duties. Many lodges secure as their secretaries brethren who have passed the Chair, and when this can be done and the brother is imbued with a love for his lodge good results invariably follow. Many of the secretaries are reported as having filled the office for a long time. One, the secretary of Colborne Lodge, No. 91—Geo. Keyes—Colborne, the D. D. G. M. reports, filled the office to the entire satisfaction of the brethren for thirty years, and has not been absent one meeting. Some secretaries, however, have failed to furnish the statistics ordered by Grand Lodge, and which are required by the D. D. G. Master to enable him to prepare his statistical report.

Attention is again drawn to the fact that the furniture and paraphernalia of quite a large number of lodges are not insured against loss by fire, and the Board recommend that D. D. G. Masters make a special appeal to lodges to insure during the year.

Arrearages of dues by members to their lodges are still reported as being much too common. While Grand Lodge has no desire unduly to interfere with lodges in managing their finances, it has always claimed the privilege of warning them against evils which experience has proven to be detrimental to the success of lodges, principal among these are

1st—Neglect of Secretaries to collect dues.

2nd—Tardiness in opening the lodge and getting to work.

3rd—Keeping the meetings open to too late an hour.

Large amounts have been contributed by lodges for transient relief, grants to widows and orphans, benevolent institutions, relief of famine sufferers in India, and other worthy charities.

The Board close their report with the conviction that never before in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction has Craft Masonry been in as flourishing a condition as at the present time.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

To the M. W. the G. M., Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—Another year has passed away since last we met in sweet communion, and we view with sadness the loss of those whom we held most dear, with whom we were wont to meet in gladness, whose life was one sweet song. The grim reaper, death, who,—

“ With his sickle keen,
Reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between,”

—whispered the word “ Come,” and they have gone to that undiscovered country whence no traveller returns. We are left to take the places of those who are gone before us, but their memory will ever remain bright and green, and out of the dim and misty future their voices beckon us away into the strange and unfathomable darkness of the dreamland beyond.

London, No. 3 District, loses a bright Mason in the death of R. W. Bro. Robt. McKay, St. Thomas.

South Huron District, No. 4, is bereft of the wise counsels of R. W. Bro. R. H. Collins, Exeter.

Ontario District, No. 12, mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. Vincent Clementi, P. G. Chaplain, who, by his stainless life, exemplified the grand principles of Masonry in an exalted degree.

Society at large, and the Craft in general, deeply deplore the death of R. W. Bro. C. R. Church, M. D., also R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, P. D. G. M.'s, men who were respected and beloved in the localities in which they resided.

Georgian District, No. 9, loses a good Mason in the death of V. W. Bro. James Buckley.

Grand Lodge deploras the loss of its P. G. Steward, V. W. Bro Wm. Melrose, Baden.

R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, P. D. D. G. M., was a bright and promising Mason, a good worker, and his loss will be deeply deplored.

These Brethren, are a few of those who have heard their last bugle call, and to their friends and relatives we would extend a Mason's sympathy, the sympathy of the Brethren throughout the whole Province of Ontario, for those who, having fallen by the way, are lost and dead. And yet not lost, they are but gone before, preceding us by but the briefest span in the journey from the death which we call life to the blessed immortality in the Grand Lodge above.

Not dead—there is no death; what seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portals we call death.

And yet our hearts swell and our eyes involuntarily brim as memory once more brings back the familiar form, the winning smile, the kindly glance, the warm hand clasp which welcomed us whene'er we met. But we do not sorrow as those without hope. They may have died, but the world is nobler for the lives they lived. Their eyes have closed, let ours be the clearer vision to see and do our duty; their nerveless hands have dropped, let ours be the readier for the kindly act; their feet have failed, let ours be the more firmly planted in the steps they trod.

That weak and wavering, brave and strong,
Lead all at last to God.

They are not dead; they have received the great summons to the Grand Lodge above; they have knocked at the portals; they have given the password, "faith, hope, charity;" they have presented their life's work as faithful Craftsmen, and let us hope that the G. A. O. T. U. has in His mercy said to each of them: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

They are not dead: they live in our hearts and lives; if we but close our eyes we see them once again, we feel their touch, we hear their voices, and clear above all there sounds, "Where we have erred, do ye improve—let our weakness give you strength, let our failure grant you the fuller measure of success. Be ye also ready."

Nay, not dead. They are not dead—they sleep, awaiting the final triumph of the bright Morning Star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race, and their works do follow them.

May we, treading the mosaic pavement on which they, too, walked, recall to mind those who have preceded us. May we, too, square our lives on the principles of truth and justice, so that when we in our turn are "but as shadows here" we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and rules for ever and ever.

May each of us when we receive the dread summons say:

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
But may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out the bourne of time add place
The Flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Faternally submitted,

R. HILLIER,
Chairman *pro tem*.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Hillier, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION
AND LAWS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee on Constitution and Laws beg to report as follows :

Your Committee, in considering the various notices of motions submitted to it, without expressing any opinion upon the merits of the proposed amendments to the Constitution or the resolutions proposed for the consideration of Grand Lodge, are of the opinion that all the proposed amendments and resolutions can properly be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

WM. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

GRAND LODGE HISTORIAN.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That in conformity with the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, this Grand Lodge deems it a fitting time to honor M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. M., for the distinguished services rendered by him to craft literature throughout this and sister jurisdictions by appointing him to the honorary position of Historian of this Grand Lodge.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

Per Capita Tax.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. R. Cuthbert, seconded by W. Bro. John Nicholson,

That clause 254 of the Book of Constitution be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "For every member thereof, each private lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes twenty-five cents per annum." *Lost.*

Place of Meeting.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Robert Cuthbert, seconded by W. Bro. John Patton,

That clause 16 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "which the place of holding the next Communication shall be decided" and by inserting the words "the City of Toronto." *Lost.*

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials, which were accepted, and the representatives saluted with Grand Honors:

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, for the G. L. of Michigan.
M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, for the G. L. of Quebec.
R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, for the G. L. of Illinois.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 19th July, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 19th July, A. D. 1900.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, G. M., on the Throne.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Communications were presented and read from M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Fortmeyer, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey,

M. W. Bro. E. W. Durant, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and

R. W. Bro. Samuel J. Chadbourne, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near the Grand Lodge of Maine, giving interesting particulars with regard to their respective Grand Lodges, and extending to the Grand Lodge of Canada their fraternal greetings.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives of this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 362 Warranted Lodges on the Grand Register; 203 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 96 are represented by proxy; 19 are not represented by proxy but have Past Masters present; 44 are unrepresented in

any way. There are 919 names registered, having a total of 1,596 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ROAF,

JNO. M. SHAW,

GEO. S. MAY,

Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and upon their report the following were declared duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing term, namely :

M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, London, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Lindsay, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. A. Gordon McWhinney, London, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Gibson, Peterboro', Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Woodstock, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. J. D. Clark, Ottawa, Grand Registrar.

M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. William Tocher, Hamilton, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.

R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia.

R. W. Bro. John S. Dewar, London.

R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.

And for one year,

R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, London.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely :

R. W. Bro. Ben. Allen, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. DeWitt H. Martyn, Kincardine.

R. W. Bro. L. Secord, Brantford.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Woodstock.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, viz. :

- R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D. D., Blenheim, Erie District No. 1.
 - R. W. Bro. Albert W. Parks, Oil Springs, St. Clair District No. 2.
 - R. W. Bro. John Thornicroft, Lambeth, London District No. 3.
 - R. W. Bro. D. E. Monroe, Auburn, South Huron District No. 4.
 - R. W. Bro. James S. Scott, Kincardine, North Huron District No. 5.
 - R. W. Bro. James Smiley, Paris, Wilson District No. 6.
 - R. W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, Galt, Wellington District No. 7.
 - R. W. Bro. Wm. Birrell, Hamilton, Hamilton District No. 8.
 - R. W. Bro. Alvin Orton, Bradford, Georgian District No. 9.
 - R. W. Bro. T. A. Simpson, Beamsville, Niagara District No. 10.
 - R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, Brampton, Toronto West District No. 11.
 - R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, Uxbridge, Toronto East District No. 11a.
 - R. W. Bro. G. H. Linton, Orono, Ontario District No. 12.
 - R. W. Bro. N. A. Bonesteel, Frankford, Prince Edward District No. 13.
 - R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston, Frontenac District No. 14.
 - R. W. Bro. A. D. Cameron, Lancaster, St. Lawrence District No. 15.
 - R. W. Bro. John Robertson, Ottawa, Ottawa District No. 16.
 - R. W. Bro. J. A. McCrossan, Rat Portage, Algoma District No. 17.
 - R. W. Bro. G. W. Liddle, North Bay, Nipissing District No. 18.
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NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

It was decided by ballot that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the City of Hamilton.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

M. W. Bro. William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the State of New York, was announced, introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That Honorary Membership in this Grand Lodge, with the Rank of Past Grand Master, and with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining, be conferred on M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the Rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Rank of Past Grand Senior Warden be conferred on W. Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Fitzgibbon, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, and

Resolved, That the Rank of Past Grand Registrar be conferred upon V. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner, Past Assistant Grand Organist of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. P. Macdonell, and

Resolved, That the Rank of Past Master be conferred upon W. Bro. A. P. McCuaig, of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, he having resigned his office before the expiration of his term in order to proceed to South Africa with D Battery to assist in defending and upholding the interests of the British Empire.

 ROBERTSON'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars be taken from the funds of Grand Lodge for the purchase from the author of a sufficient number of sets of Robertson's History of Freemasonry in Canada, for presentation to Sister Grand Lodges of the United States.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master not being ready for presentation, the Grand Master submitted certain of his acts, decisions and recommendations, which acts, decisions and recommendations were approved of and confirmed by Grand Lodge, namely :

1. Grant of \$2,000.00 towards the relief of the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire.

2. Grant of \$1,000.00 to the National Patriotic Fund.

3. Refusal to grant certain dispensations.

4. Appointments of Grand Representatives.

5. Denunciation of "begging" and "chain letter" circulars.

6. Recommendation to continue in affiliation with the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

7. Memorials to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

8. Decisions 1, 2 and 3 as set forth in the address. Subsequently R. W. Bro. Hungerford, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit their report on the Annual Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Board desire to congratulate Most Worshipful Bro. Malone at the termination of his two years' service as ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction upon the highly able and acceptable manner in which throughout his Grand Mastership all duties have been performed by him.

He has displayed energy and enthusiasm in not only meeting the requirements of the office, but in attending meetings of the Craft and inspiring Grand Lodge officers and the Craft generally with the zeal and activity which are so characteristic of himself. It is a proud boast for any Grand Master to be able to say, as has been said in the report on the Condition of Masonry, that the Craft in this jurisdiction has never been in so prosperous a condition as during his term of office. To our Most Worshipful Brother no slight measure of credit is due for this happy and satisfactory state of affairs. The Board refrain from dealing specifically with the various points mentioned in the address, inasmuch as Grand Lodge has already made definite pronouncement upon them.

The Board conclude by expressing the confident hope that notwithstanding the gavel is about to be handed over by the Grand Master to his successor, the Brethren of Grand Lodge

entertain the sincere hope and desire that in the future, as in the past, they shall always have the benefit and advantage of our Most Worshipful Brother's valuable co-operation and experience in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. HUNGERFORD.

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

CANADIAN CONTINGENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, seconded by V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, has great pleasure in placing on record an expression of the heart-felt pride and satisfaction of the Brethren of this jurisdiction in the fact that His Excellency Lord Roberts of Candahar, Field Marshal, Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in South Africa, and the troops under his command, have so nobly and gloriously sustained the traditions of the British Army by successfully and promptly repelling the invasion of British colonies, taking possession of the territory of the invaders and re-establishing the supremacy and authority of the British Crown in that important part of Her Majesty's dominions. That the people of this country naturally feel a just pride that in many of the important engagements which have taken place during the campaign Canadians, under W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Otter and other commanding officers, have fought side by side with veteran corps of the British army, and so acquitted themselves as to deserve and receive the hearty commendations of the Commander-in-Chief and other officers of high rank.

Resolved further, That while rejoicing in the success of the British arms and the advantage that has been taken by Canada of the opportunity of proving to Great Britain and the Empire the loyal attachment of our people to the Throne and their willingness to have their loyalty submitted to a practical test, the heart-felt sympathy of the Grand Lodge is extended to the families of those who have lost their lives and to those who have been wounded or incapacitated during the campaign.

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to R. W. Bro. Lord Roberts, Field Marshal, Commander-in-Chief, and that a further copy be forwarded to W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Otter,

REPORT ON PRESENTATION TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, presented their Report in which the following address was embodied :

To M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario :

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a recommendation of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, providing for the presentation to you of some token of Grand Lodge's appreciation of your services as Grand Secretary for the past quarter of a century, and a committee was appointed for the purpose of giving effect to that recommendation.

The tangible testimony of your brethren's esteem and affection, which it is hoped may always be regarded by you and your dear wife and family, as a treasured heirloom, will in due course be placed in your possession; but opportunity is taken at the present Communication of Grand Lodge of expressing to you in some measure the admiration of your brethren of the great ability and administrative zeal and tact which you have always displayed in discharging the duties of Executive Officer of Grand Lodge.

During so long a period it would be surprising if, in the fearless and impartial performance of your duties, bringing you into constantly recurring correspondence in every part of the jurisdiction, friction should not occasionally arise, and yet the record of the twenty-five years seems to have been singularly free from even the slightest trace of dissatisfaction with the administration of your official duties.

Your naturally great ability, quickness of perception and soundness of judgment have saved both Grand Lodge and yourself much of the trouble and worry which would have been experienced in the case of a less capable and discreet officer. At the same time your bright and generous hearted personality has always rendered business relations with you pleasing and agreeable.

Occasions have been numerous and, not seldom, important, when Grand Lodge has been represented by you and responded for eloquently and effectively, and your name and reputation in the Masonic fraternity extend far beyond the limits of your own Grand Lodge. The high positions attained by you in Capitular Masonry, in the Great Priory, and in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, justify and confirm your fame and distinction as an eminent Mason; but you will always be known and remembered by the present generation of Masons at least, in connection with the duties you have so faithfully and efficiently discharged as our Grand Secretary.

It is the heartfelt wish and earnest prayer of your Brethren of Grand Lodge that you may have improved health, strength and vigor, continuing in your office for many years to come, and that by the blessing of our Heavenly Father you and those who are nearest and dearest to you may enjoy much prosperity and happiness.

Signed on behalf of Grand Lodge :

WILLIAM GIBSON, P.G.M.,

J. M. GIBSON, P.G.M.,

HUGH MURRAY, P.G.M.,

Committee.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, in the absence through illness of the Grand Secretary, and on his behalf, in most suitable terms thanked the Grand Lodge for the high honor conferred upon Bro. Mason, and the Committee for the generous and substantial manner in which they had carried out the wishes of Grand Lodge in respect to the Testimonial. M. W. Bro. Murray was asked to convey to M. W. Bro. Mason the earnest hopes of Grand Lodge for his speedy recovery.

GRAVENHURST SANATÓRIUM.

The M. W. the Grand Master having called for a report from the Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to examine into and report upon the proposal to devote a part of the Asylum Fund to the establishment of a cottage at the Gravenhurst Home for Consumptives, and no report being forthcoming, it was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

THANKS TO LONDON LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the London lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, assted by M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray and J. M. Gibson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :

- V. W. Bro. C. H. Marlatt, M. D., Aylmer, Grand Senior Deacon.
- “ A. L. Malone, Toronto, Grand Junior Deacon.
- “ H. P. O'Connor, Walkerton, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- “ J. R. Palmer, Tilbury Centre, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ R. Easton-Burns, Kingston, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- “ James W. Turley, Ottawa, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ J. R. Wood, M. D., Sarnia, Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ Rev. W. Farncomb, Fenelon Falls, Grand Organist.
- “ Hugh Kennedy, Bolton, Assistant Grand Organist.
- “ Walter Morgan, London, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ G. W. Sutherland, Welland, Grand Steward.
- “ Jacob Stewart, Exeter, Grand Steward.
- “ A. J. Young, Cache Bay, Grand Steward.
- “ B. R. Teetzel, Highgate, Grand Steward.
- “ J. J. Manning, Brampton, Grand Steward.
- “ G. B. Magee, Merrickville, Grand Steward.
- “ F. W. Royce, Hillsburg, Grand Steward.
- “ R. H. Knight, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Steward.
- “ Robert Higham, Guelph, Grand Steward.
- “ J. H. Herring, Hamilton, Grand Steward.
- “ W. S. Morden, Belleville, Grand Steward.
- “ Richard Guest, Thorndale, Grand Steward.
- “ J. R. Croft, Beeton, Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ Milo A. Hogan, Tilsonburg, Grand Standard Bearer.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. E. T. MALONE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, and

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray, Wm. Gibson, and J. J. Mason and R. W. Bro. Alex. Gibson be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Craft in this jurisdiction during the past two years.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4 o'clock p. m., in ample form. . .

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon.

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1900, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara	W. on or b. f. m	Andrew Ferry ...	Saml. Campbell
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	J. Morgan Shaw..	G. W. H. Comber
5	aSussex	Brockville	1st Friday.....	Wm. W. Wood....	Geo. K. Dewey...
6	Barton	Hamilton	2d Monday.....	S. G. Moore.....	J. F. Dick.....
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b. f. m	W. J. Drope.....	W. F. Randall...
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m	W. S. Herrington	E. W. Scott.....
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b. f. m	Geo. J. Green....	Wm. P. Kelly....
11	aMoir	Belleveille	W. on or b. f. m	Chancey Ashley..	John Newton....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth	1st Monday ..	D. G. MacMartin	W. A. Moore.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b. f. m	Thos. W. Wilson	A. N. Lindsay...
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto	2nd Tuesday...	A. H. Peynar....	J. F. Slater.....
17	St. John's.....	Coloubrg	Tu. on or b. f. m	Wm. W. Hovey...	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward...	Pictou	Th. on or b. f. m	H. Mulholland...	Wm. Smeaton...
20	aSt. John's.....	London	2nd Tuesday...	R. A. Bayley....	M. D. Dawson...
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b. f. m	H. Carl Jones....	J. A. Ferguson...
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto	2d Thursday..	R. Walker.....	W. R. P. Parker...
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b. f. m	Ernest A. Combs	H. A. Nicholls...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b. f. m	C. J. Humphrey...	J. A. Houston...
25	aLonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	S. B. Sykes.....	C. R. W. Postwaite
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday..	J. H. Collinson...	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday.....	Robt. Morton....	Wm. C. Morton...
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville	W. b. f. m.....	Oliver Bascomb..	W. L. Phelps....
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b. f. m	W. Montgomery	B. C. H. Fecker..
30	aComposite.....	Whitby	1st Thursday..	Fred. Hatch.....	Jos. White.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowman's'le	W. on or b. f. m	C. P. Blair.....	Jos. Pattinson...
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a. f. m	S. W. Brown....	E. J. Aikens.....
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday...	Wm. D. Tye.....	Ross A Rastal...
34	aThistle.....	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b. f. m	Thos. Hofley, MD	W. T. Wilkinson
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga	Th. on or a. f. m	Peter J. Vollick	Ed. T. Seaton...
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday.....	H. Rowland.....	W. A. Woolson...
38	aTrent.....	Trenton	Tuesday b. f. m	G. R. Robertson	W. Booth.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	Tu. on or b. f. m	Jno. J. Moore, MD	E. R. Eddy.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	J. T. Cranford...	W. J. McAllister.
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville	Th. on or b. f. m	E. Allworth, M.D	Geo. Rumble....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Wedn'sday..	J. E. Adkins.....	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock.....	1st Tuesday...	J. S. Kenney.....	A. McGachie....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	1st Thursday..	John A. Consee...	L. Slater.....
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday...	Josh. Broadbent	S. F. Passmore...
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	1st Monday.....	J. S. Turner.....	Alex. Gregory...
47	aGreat Western...	Windsor	Th. on or b. f. m	Geo. E. White....	I. P. McConnell
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b. f. m	Chas H. Tumelty	R. T. Gray.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon	F. on or b. f. m	W. R. McKibbin	W. Bowen
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa	1st Tuesday...	J. S. Parrington.	S. C. Scott.....
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b. f. m	J. A. McDonald...	L. Richard on...
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville	Tu. on or b. f. m	H. Wallace Bell	Thos. Culbert...
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday...	W. D. Hall.....	F. C. Watson....
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b. f. m	J. F. Senn.....	Robt. Wright...
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday.....	J. L. Culbert...	J. F. Argue.....
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday.....	S. A. Morgan....	W. W. Alton....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	W. on or b. f. m	A. R. McRitchie	John Thompson
63	aSt. John s.....	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	Thos. Fraser....	A. T. Hudson....
64	aKilwinning.....	London	3rd Thursday..	Ben. S. Murray...	John Overell...
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto	1st Thursday..	E. H. Briggs....	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b. f. m	A. Farncomb, MD	E. Simmons.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday.....	Sidney C. Partlo	J. H. Hegler....
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f. m.	W. Broadman...	G. W. Bailey....
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	R. S. Hamilton...	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday...	Jno. G. Constable	A. Carman.....
74	aSt. James.....	Bethel	M. nearest f. m	C. H. Fitzsimons	Syrenus Cole....
75	aSt. John's	Toronto	1st Monday...	E. J. Cashmon...	D. Chisholm....
76	aOxford	Woodstock.....	2d Monday.....	J. A. Hamilton...	Robt. Anderson.
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday.....	A. Willamson...	R. G. Corneil...
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg.....	W. on or b. f. m	Fred. Biette....	L. B. C. Livingst'n
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Friday.....	Alvin Orton....	Geo. Coombs....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.	Tu on or b. f. m	H. Badge	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's.....	Paris	Tu. on or b. f. m	R. E. Haire.....	W. Barrowclough

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1900.

the Evangelist; all others on that St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M mb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
2	2	2	1			1					45	Dec. '99	\$ 1 00		\$ 29 50
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5	5	4	3			1	12			2	147	"			133 00
6	20	14	16	5	3	3	1			3	334	"	79 00		103 00
7	7	5	4			3					60	"	14 50		33 50
9	11	8	6		1	1	4			1	84	"		\$ 2 00	82 75
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11	10	9	12	1	5					1	169	Jun1900		1 00	117 00
14	5	3	2	1	1		4			2	90	"			58 75
15	3	4	4			1					81	"			46 50
16	12	15	14	3	6	1	1				232	"		2 00	176 75
17	1	1	2	2		1					72	"			21 50
18	8	8	9		1	4				2	187	"			137 50
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23	2	2	2	1	1						32	"			20 50
24	7	7	7	2	2						105	"			60 25
25	14	14	13	8	6	2					235	"			154 75
26	6	8	4	1	3		5				72	"			53 50
27	7	7	5	6	2	2	1				279	"	1 50		160 25
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33	6	5	2	2		3					115	"			79 50
34	4	3	3	1	2	1				1	50	"			26 50
35	2	2	3	2	5						79	"			61 50
37	4						12				62	Dec. '99			58 50
38	7	5	4	1	3	1				3	84	Jun1900		2 00	69 50
39											27	June '99	6 00		27 00
40	11	13	15	5	8	2	6				355	"			219 25
41	11	10	12			1					90	Jun1900		1 00	71 75
42	4	4	4	4	2	1	3			1	114	Dec. '99	75 00		65 50
43	4	4	4	1	4	2				2	92	Jun1900			69 25
44	15	16	14	4	3	1	9				160	"			117 50
45	16	8	10		4	2	5				121	"	41 00		129 75
46	1	4	4		5	4	3				119	"			72 25
47	26	23	20	3	2	1	4			2	188	"		3 00	117 00
48	10	5	3	2		1	1				94	"	45 00		3 50
50	2	1	1							1	36	Dec. '99			21 50
52	10	14	14	7			8				130	Jun1900	1 50		125 25
54	1	2	3		2	2					32	"			22 75
55	2	2	2	4	1					3	56	"			40 75
56	17	10	12	1	2	2					105	"			101 25
57	4	3	1	1	1					2	56	"			55 00
58	5	5	5		2	1	2				98	"			68 50
61	15	14	13	3	4	3	2			2	268	"			192 75
62			1	1		2				1	36	"	9 25		23 00
63	10	9	11	1	1		2				109	"			70 75
64	23	21	19	5	2	3	1			1	168	Dec. '99			116 50
65	4	6	14	1	4	3	10			3	223	Jun1900	3 00		154 25
66	2	1	2	1							31	Dec. '99			10 25
68	7	4	2	2							84	Jun1900			45 75
69	5	3	3	1	1	1				6	59	"			43 25
72	6	2	1	3	1	2					94	"			43 50
73	5	2	2		3		2			1	66	"			69 50
74			1	1							44	"			18 75
75	11	15	15	4	4	7				3	233	"			186 25
76	12	10	9	1	5	2	2			1	113	"			102 25
77	3	2	2	3	6					2	89	"			49 25
78	6	7	10	1	2	1	5			1	115	"	2 50		73 00
79	16	14	12	2	3	1				2	50	"			40 25
81	1						2				51	"	1 00		30 25
82	6	6	7		2						51	"			42 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1900, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. on or a.f.m	F. W. Atkinson..	R. F. Richardson
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m	E. M. McLean...	W. P. Spalding...
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. F. Purvis, M.D.	Jas. Ross.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	3rd Tuesday...	Alva Carvet.....	Thos. A. Duff.....
87	Markham Union...	Markham...	F. on or b.f.m	Frank A. Reesor...	R. A. Mason.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound...	W. on or b.f.m	Dan McKenzie...	John Rutherford
90	aManito.....	Collingwood...	W. on or a.f.m	C. A. McDonald...	T. H. White.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Webb....	Geo. Keyes.....
92	aCatawaqui.....	Kingston.....	2d Wednesday...	John Gordon.....	Robt. Hendry, Jr
93	aNorthern Light...	Kincardine...	1st Wednesday...	H. Collins.....	R. D. Hall.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley...	2d Tuesday.....	Alx. Taylor.....	Edw. Witty.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday...	J. L. Barnum.....	Alfred Wilkes....
97	aSharon.....	Sharon.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Albert Travis...	P. F. Pearson, M.D
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or b.f.m	J. N. Bonnar.....	Robt. Roberts...
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket...	2d Wednesday...	Alfred Webb.....	C. H. Lloyd.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	M. b.f.m.....	C. Hetherington	F. A. Latshaw...
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	W. on or b.f.m	John Beatty.....	D. Walker.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	5 Catharines...	Last Thursday...	B. J. Peubs orff	H. J. Johnston...
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m	Arthur D. Ellis...	G. W. Poldon...
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. J. Vandersburg	W. D. Garner....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. C. Brown.....	C. H. Pratt.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Piper.....	H. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	F. on or a.f.m	John Ramsay....	A. R. H'ston....
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owsmith...	F. on or b.f.m	A. Forsyth.....	James Cooke....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday...	H. F. Deas.....	H. H. Wells.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford...	W. on or b.f.m	C. R. Clapp.....	E. G. Christie...
114	aHope.....	Port Hope...	2nd Friday.....	Rev. W. R. Young	W. G. Coulter...
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Gibso.....	A. N. Myer.....
116	aCassia.....	The'ford.....	M. on or b.f.m	J. D. Morrison...	Geo. Sutherland.
118	Union.....	Schomberg...	M. on or b.f.m	S. Leatherland...	W. J. Brereton...
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m	Rev. W. J. Sanders	F. W. Arms rong
121	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Frank R. Else...	L. J. Else.....
122	aDoric.....	Brautford...	3rd Friday.....	M. Wilbie.....	John S. Gray....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday.....	D. H. McArthur...	James Reid.....
123	aThe Belleville...	Belleville...	1st Thursday...	J. S. McK own...	W. H. Adams.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Tuesday...	J. G. Harkness...	A. E. McLean...
126	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford	F. on or b.f.m	G. H. Pollard....	Geo. L. D'kson
127	aFrank.....	Frankford...	M. before f. m	A. A. Rose.....	D. A. Bonesteel...
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke...	1st Thursday...	John H. Reeves...	Alex. Morris....
129	The Rising Sun...	Aurora.....	F. on or b.f.m	R. M. Hillary....	D. A. Radcliffe...
131	aSt. Lawrence...	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. E. Wildisraft	J. Hogart.....
133	aLebanon Forest...	Exeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Stewart...	C. H. Sanders...
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Sitzler...	J. H. Peacock...
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	T. on or b.f.m	J. W. Shankhill...	Thos. Smith.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m	L. F. Boyd.....	J. Patterson...
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday...	W. Dickie.....	Jas. McCaw.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m	L. Cascadden....	C. F. Burdick...
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. H. Merryfield	W. F. May.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m	H. J. Whittier...	John Warren....
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m	Geo. C. Currie...	D. Fink.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford...	3rd Friday.....	Geo. Malcolm...	Wm. E. Brooker
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook...	1st Thursday...	C. H. Winston...	R. J. Doak.....
146	aPrince of Wales...	Newburgh...	Wednes' b.f.m	Robt. Guy.....	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almoute.....	1st Friday.....	John Argue.....	Robt. Pol ock...
148	aCivil Service...	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday...	Rev. T. Garrett...	W. J. Beatty.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	J. R. Waddell...	J. Varey.....
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday...	J. H. Landreth...	A. Oelsschlager
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Ralph Bnodie...	J. M. Wilson....
154	aIrvine.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Jos. Ferguson...	Wm. Matheson...
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	Rev. W. L. Arm'tage	R. W. McFadden
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday.....	H. H. Bull.....	R. J. Gibson....
157	Simpson.....	Newboro'...	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rich. G. Murphy	Josh H. Butler...
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thurs'day a.f.m	Francis Nicol...	H. A. Beaton...
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond...	W. on or b.f.m	J. H. Cryderman	H. Reidy.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m	J. Humphries...	J. Padginton...
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. Brown.....	Thos. Gibson, Jr

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No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'emb's	Last et'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	3	8	7	1	1						86	Dec. '99			\$ 81 25
84		4									66	Jun1900			45 50
85	6	4	3		1		1			1	62	"			47 75
86	15	12	10	1	3	1	1			1	184	"	\$ 14 00		184 25
87	1	1	1	3						1	30	"			22 50
88	3	1	2			1				1	75	"			47 00
90	14	7	6	2	2	1	2			3	110	"		4 00	129 75
91	3	3	4		1	2					83	Dec. '99	23 25		36 25
92	16	15	13	3	1	4	1			1	122	"			118 00
93	6	2	2		5					6	93	Jun1900			50 50
94	7	7	5	1						2	38	"			93 75
96	8	6	3	3	3	1				1	145	"		5 00	97 75
97			1							1	49	"			26 25
98											42	June '99			36 00
99	4	3	3		2	1					46	Dec. '99		6 00	16 00
100	6	5	6	4	3		1			2	77	Jun1900	1 00		19 50
101	4	3	4	1	3	1	1				76	"	2 00		80 25
103	5	3	3		1	3	8			3	104	"			68 25
104	8	6	7		3	1	1				81	"			84 75
105	3	2	3		1	5					66	"		3 00	63 00
106	3	3	3	1		1					70	"			44 75
107	2	2	2							3	56	"	2 25		44 50
108		1	1								25	"			16 50
109	3	4	3								57	"			40 25
110	3	3	5		3	1	1			1	89	"			57 00
113	2	5	5	1	1		5			1	67	"			64 00
114	6	6	6	1	4	1	1				79	"			48 25
115	1		1	1	1	1	4				74	"		1 00	54 50
116	3	2	2	1	1	1	1				33	"			20 50
118					1	1	1				19	"			13 50
119	1	1	1		1						27	"			17 25
120						1					32	"			18 75
121	11	14	16	6	5	3	14			2	170	"			139 00
122	9	7	7		3	2					101	"	1 00		68 75
123	9	4	3		1	1		1			143	"			83 25
125	9	8	6			2					81	"			4 25
126	1	1	1		2					2	35	"			21 50
127	1	2	1								67	Dec. '99	18 00		56 25
128	3	3	3	2	4	3	8				124	Jun1900			87 25
129	5	5	3	2						2	62	"	40 00		30 50
131	7	6	4	1							46	"	12 50		31 50
133	6	6	5	1	3	1	1			1	70	"		2 75	57 25
135	5	4	3	1		1				1	57	"	65 00		11 00
136	6	5	3	2	1						41	"			33 00
137	7	6	1	4	2					1	59	Dec. '99			44 50
139	1						3				62	"			44 00
140	7	3	3	4	2		2				88	Jun1900	3 00		63 00
141	2	2			3	1	2			1	41	Dec. '99			28 00
142					7	3	10			1	56	"			36 25
143	5	4	4	1	1		6				69	"			51 50
144	11	14	13	1	7	1	2				112	Jun1900			86 50
145	1	3	5		3	1					46	"	1 00		36 50
146		1	1			1	1				44	"			25 25
147	3	3	3	2	2	2					69	Dec. '99	1 25		51 50
148	3	2	2	9	2	2					83	"			54 00
149	2	1	1								55	"	2 00		57 00
151	7	7	8	2	2	1	3				95	Jun1900			70 75
153	5	4	3	1	1		1				73	"	23 00		41 00
154	1	1	2	1	2	2	2			3	50	"			50 50
155	15	17	11	5	1		1			1	118	"			144 50
156	3	3	3	1	1		4			2	84	"	21 00		56 25
157	1	3	2	1	2	1				1	52	"			27 00
158	2	3	5								54	"			48 75
159	4	4	1								67	"			120 50
161	8	8	8			1				1	56	"			46 50
162							4				24	"			21 50

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East.	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	F'd.E. McDonald	C.S. Cunningham
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. F. Glover.....	B. S. Hicks.....
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	John H. McNeilly	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	D. Ross.....	Geo. Wells
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	E. J. Ellsworth...	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday.....	John Dadds.....	J. O. Rose.....
171	aPrince of Wales.	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	S. H. Weldon.....	J. A. McIntyre ...
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Cassie	J. D. Paxton
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	W. H. Meek.....	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday.....	W. H. U. Hooper	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville ...	F. on or b.f.m	J. B. Hewitt	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday.....	W. A. R. pp.....	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	S. T. Logan	M. G. Burwell ..
184	aOld Light	Lucknow.....	Th.on or b.f.m	I. Morrison.....	Harry Days
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	F. A. Nelles.....	Rev C. Scudamore
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	F. L. Swi zer, M.D	W. A. Chamberl'n
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	Ralph Fonger	Jas. McMillan ...
192	aOrillia	Orillia.....	F. on or b.f.m	A. E. Ardagh.....	John M. Bain.....
193	aScotland	Scotland.....	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. Malcolm.....	E. H. Malcolm...
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday...	Samuel McCann	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday.....	J. M. McWhinney	P. W. D. Roderick
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday.....	F. Montforte	N. Campbell
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton...	2d Tuesday.....	Thos. Marshall...	Hugh Birss.....
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	C. A. Jones, M.D.	W. G. Lowrey...
201	aLeeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Kee.....	W. Y. Boyd.....
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday.....	K. McMurchy.....	Thos. Godfrey...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg ..	M. on or a.f.m	S. G. Holley	A. S. Fraser.....
207	aLancaster	Lancaster.....	W. on or b.f.m	R. T. Nicholson...	W. N. McGillis...
203a	St. John's	London	1st Friday.....	C. O. Morrow...	T. A. Rowat
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday.....	Chris. Forbes.....	W. A. Fields
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday.....	John Kennedy	R. Raymond
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. W. Brickman	Geo. E. Roblin ..
216	aHarris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. N. Fish.....	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	R. B. Wells, M.D.	A. W. Cryslar...
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday.....	Wm. J. Wilson...	R. Higginbottom
219	aCredit	Georgetown...	F. on or b.f.m	J. J. Allen	T. A. Eargey...
220	aZeradatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	R. Hollinger	J. G. Vicars.....
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	D. J. C. Munro ..	W. T. Fish.....
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Tuesd'y b.f.m	Jno. McWilliams	J. A. Hubbell...
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. C. Moffat.....	Jas. Anderson...
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	Hy. J. D. Cooke...	Jas. Bonthron ..
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	A. F. G. Hawkins	J. J. Foster.....
228	aPrince Arthur...	Odesa	M. on or a.f.m	R. L. Gilbert	Robt. Bennett ...
229	aIonic	Brampton...	3rd Tuesday...	Geo. W. Jackson	A. Morton
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Monday.....	H. Lennox.....	C. V. Bennett...
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday...	Alex. F. Frood ..	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Balkwill	R. A. Kirkland ..
233	aDoric	Park Hill.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. F. Roberts.....	F. J. Hutchins...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Reekie	J. H. Dickinson...
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	D. N. McIntyre...	W. J. Chisholm ..
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	M. J. Rogers	W. E. Stoddart...
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Hawkins	Geo. Thornton...
238	Havelock	Waford	Tues.bef.b.f.m	W. E. Fitzgerald	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	P. T. Bowlby	C. W. Craig
242	aMacey	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	A. McDonald.....	R. W. Tennant...
243	aSt George	St. George...	Th.on or b.f.m	J. W. Addison	D. H. Nellis
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Robert Pye.....	J. J. Viuent.....
247	aAshlar	Toronto.....	4th Tuesday...	A. F. Webster...	Thos. Reid
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Tu on or b.f.m	Rich. Ruikes, M.D	F. Wattbringe, M.D
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Geddes	J. G. Anderson...
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday.....	John Nicoll.....	T. D. Minnes.....
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls...	1st Thursday...	F. J. Gribble.....	Alex. Gray.....
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday...	J. I. Wiley	H. S. McDonald
256	aFarran's Point...	Farran's Pt...	W. on or b.f.m	J. M. Cook	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	T. C. Pearce	J. W. Gilliland...

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	9	7	5	4	2	1				1	63	Jun1900	\$ 1 50		\$ 46 50
165	1	1	2		1		2				50	Dec. '99	8 25		29 50
166	13	13	13	2	2	1					87	"	1 00		84 50
168	1	1			2	1					63	"			33 75
169						1					51	"	27 50		
170	4	5	4		2	1					87	Jun1900			69 25
171	7	7	6	3	2		8			1	37	"			34 00
172											48	June'98	4 00		
174	2	2		1			5				51	Jun1900			37 25
177	7	7	6	6	4	3	5			1	130	"	34 00		53 50
178	2	2	2		1					1	38	"			23 50
180	4	5	3		1	3	2			6	84	"	50		40 75
181	4	3	3			1					23	"			34 00
184	3	3	3		1		3				43	"			29 50
185	1	2	3		5					1	30	"	16 75		18 50
186	3	3	2							1	33	Dec. '99			31 50
190	4	2	4								31	Jun1900			39 25
192	4	5	7	2	2	2	2				93	"	46 50		96 00
193	2	2	3			1	2				56	"			39 75
194	2	2	4		3	3				1	84	"			45 00
195	4	4	3								83	Dec. '99	10 00		77 75
196	10	8	6		1	1					86	Jun1900			62 75
197	6	3	3	1	2	1					53	"	1 50		31 00
200	5	4	6	1		2				1	46	"			63 75
201	10	6	3	1	2	2				3	92	Dec. '99			1 00
203	5	5	5	1			1				48	Jun1900	6 00		28 50
205											35	June'98		2 00	
207											44	"			
209a	10	7	6	1	2	3	5			1	164	Dec. '99	6 00		104 25
209	11	11	10								44	Jun1900			67 00
212										1	28	"			15 50
215	1	1	1	2		1					60	"			44 50
216	20	16	8		4	1				3	112	"			66 00
217	3	2	1				1	1			39	"	19 00		3 00
218	10	11	14	2	5	2	8			1	185	"		2 00	168 25
219	8	5	5	2			5			1	60	"	13 50		1 00
220	3	3	3	2	5	1				4	70	"			51 25
221	7	7	7	1	1	2				3	68	"			66 50
222	2	2	4				3				54	"		3 00	52 75
223											21	June'99	1 00		10 50
224	5	6	6		3					1	42	Jun1900	12 00		44 00
225	4	5	7	1							88	"	50		68 75
228	1	1	1	1		1					33	"	1 50		18 75
229	2	2	1		3		1			1	70	"	1 00		44 25
230	6	6	5	4	3	1	1			1	104	"	2 50		69 50
231	13	8	6		2	3	3				99	"	50		84 75
232	8	7	7		2					2	33	"	2 00		52 75
233	1	1	1	1	1		1				44	"			46 00
234	2	5	2	1	2		1				56	"	16 50		25 00
235	2	2	2		1						38	"			22 75
236	4	3	3			1					28	Dec. '99		6 00	24 00
237	5	5	6			1				1	39	Jun1900			21 50
238	2	2	1		3	2	2				52	"	2 00		41 00
239											52	June'98	24 50		9 00
242	14	13	11			1				1	50	Jun1900			35 00
243	5	3	5	1			1				48	"			42 75
245	3	3	3	1	1						54	"			40 50
247	24	24	17	7	7	2	2			3	189	"			136 25
249	5	6	4	4	3	2	2				63	"			42 50
250	3	3	3		1		2				27	"			14 00
253	2	3	2	3							76	"			48 25
254	6	5	7		2		8			1	92	"	2 00		58 00
25	1	1	1	2	4						50	Dec. '98			35 00
25	2	3	4		2	1					70	Jun1900			45 75
257	8	8	11	2	1			1			64	"	8 50		55 50

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday....	Alex. Cordiner..	W. A. Mahoney
263	a Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	J. Belasco	J. M. Hattie
261	a Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	G. B. Ward	E. C. VanSyckle
262	a Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday....	J. Hucks	E. W. Lambert... ..
263	a Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	John Fraser	P. W. Campbell
264	a Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday....	D. J. McCuaig	Jas. Peterkin
265	a Patterson	Thoruhill	Th. on or b.f.m	John Drury	A. Muckle
266	a Northern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. J. F. Sullivan	W. A. Doner
267	a Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	W. Irving	Chas. R. Cape
268	a Verulam	Sobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	W. A. Davis	R. Ventress
269	a Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	E. J. Walsh	D. R. Beaton
270	a Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday....	R.S. McLaughlin	L. K. Murton
271	a Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	Henry Gear	J. L. Leatch
272	a Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	G.D. Farmer, MD	C. H. Stuart
274	a Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m	S. G. Story, M.D.	J. Crookshank
276	a Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m	Francis P. Moon	James Gallagher
277	a Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	Harvey Colvin	John Green
279	New Hope	Hespler	W. on or b.f.m	B. H. Kopemann	John Jardine
282	a Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	J. E. Laughton	Edwin Gale
283	a Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	C. O. Brickman	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	P. J. Bishop	S. Wilton
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	J. J. Harper	H. M. Wright
286	a Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday....	Jas. Golden	I. A. Morion
287	a Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday....	John Ritchie	Jas. W. Morgan
289	a Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. N. Lindsay	P. L. Graham, MD
293	a Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Baker	C. H. Kenney
291	a Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	A. C. Ross	Alfred Jones
292	a Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	A. D. Carly	A. Davis
293	a T. Roy. Sol. Moth	Jerusal'm Pa	1st Wednesday	W. H. Kayat	Kalil Saadeh, MD
294	a Moore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m	Fred. K. Johnson	W. A. Scott, M D
295	a Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Robert L. ley	G. A. Campbell
296	a Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednesday	Jno. W. Cornnell	E. J. Lovelace
297	a Preston	Pre- ton	F. on or b.f.m	C.R. Hanning	Jos. Baltzer
299	a Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m	W.H. Aylesworth	T. V. Anderson
300	a Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. Buckell	W. H. Salmon
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	W. H. Ingram	Fred. S. Lewis
303	a Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. B. Tiernay	J. M. Hamilton
304	a Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. T. McConkey	C. E. Chantler
305	a Humber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. E. Elliott	R. H. Leighton
306	a Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	John P. Telford	R. J. S. Dewar
307	a Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	A. A. Towns	Fred. Nelson
309	a Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Young	John Varcoe
311	a Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	David Morton	P. A. Ayar
312	a Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	D. Currie	E. E. Parker
313	a Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday....	J. W. Redpath	F. Q. Dench
314	a Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	Henry Clements	H. Hyndman, Jr
315	a Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	E. Tolton	A. S. Allan
316	a Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday....	Alex. Anderson	H. E. Griffith
318	a Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	John Heldman	Alf. Kaufman
319	a Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m	F. H. Kinsley	E. H. Keffer
320	a Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Elliot	J. G. Gillespie
321	a Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	W. D. Frick	W. R. Kenney
322	a North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	W. H. Wright	W. P. Telford, Jr.
323	a Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	J.B. Ma tyn, M.D	R. Code
324	a Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday....	Alfred C. Crisp	Thos. P. dier
325	a Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	G. H. Linton	Thoma' Smith
326	a Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	R. A. Donald	W. C. Eddis
327	Tha Hammond	Wardsville	3rd Tuesday....	L. Glendenning	D. Johnson
328	a Tonic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	W. L. Toohill	W. H. Sutherland
329	a King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	John Hair	David Hill
330	a Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday....	H. J. Childs	C. H. Simpson
331	a Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	F. A. Donaghy	A. Hutcheson
332	a Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday....	F. B. Jeffrey	J. H. Kenner
333	a Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	J. A. Boyd	W. J. Bellamy
334	a Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. S. Snider	Alex. Graham

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	8	6	4	2	2	75	Jun1900	\$ 1 00	\$43 25
260	10	10	8	2	3	81	Dec. '98	68 50	90 25
261	1	1	1	1	2	22	Jun1900	7 00	14 50
262	5	6	3	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	61	"	.....	.....	52 00
263	1	1	1	2	4	1	3	.....	.....	2	68	"	2 00	.....	54 50
264	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	June '98	.....	.....	.....
265	6	8	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Jun1900	11 75	.....	36 00
266	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	June '99	2 00	.....	27 50
267	1	2	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	Dec. '99	.....	.....	.....
268	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	Jun1900	.....	.....	13 75
269	1	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33	"	23 25	.....	10 25
270	4	4	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	67	"	.....	.....	.....
271	5	6	9	.....	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	.....	46 50
272	12	9	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	62	"	3 00	.....	48 00
274	5	4	3	.....	3	1	5	.....	.....	.....	61	"	.....	.....	64 75
276	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	"	.....	.....	29 75
277	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	28	Dec. '99	.....	.....	19 50
279	3	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	Jun1900	8 00	.....	60 50
282	3	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	.....	34 00
283	5	5	3	1	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	61	"	3 00	.....	37 25
284	4	1	.....	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	"	.....	.....	34 50
285	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	"	.....	.....	39 00
286	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	Dec. '99	.....	.....	27 25
287	5	4	3	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	100	Jun1900	.....	.....	51 50
289	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	24 75
290	6	5	3	1	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	"	8 00	.....	69 25
291	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	.....	35 50
292	4	4	6	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	"	.....	.....	40 25
293	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	June '99	4 00	.....	26 00
294	1	1	1	.....	2	1	3	.....	.....	1	29	Jun1900	.....	.....	23 25
295	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	33	"	.....	.....	33 75
296	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	2 00	.....	29 50
297	7	8	6	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	"	.....	.....	26 75
299	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	"	.....	.....	17 75
300	7	7	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	"	.....	.....	20 75
302	7	6	5	2	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....	102	"	34 50	.....	68 00
303	2	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	"	2 00	.....	28 50
304	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	"	.....	.....	15 00
305	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	Dec. '98	.....	.....	24 25
306	1	1	1	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Jun1900	.....	.....	46 50
307	1	1	1	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	37	"	0 50	.....	19 50
309	6	7	4	.....	2	2	12	.....	.....	.....	42	Dec. '99	2 00	.....	46 50
311	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	June '99	.....	.....	8 25
312	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	57	Dec. '99	.....	.....	37 00
313	8	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Jun1900	2 00	.....	37 50
314	6	6	6	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	.....	46 50
315	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	"	.....	.....	15 00
316	13	4	3	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	143	"	124 25	.....	14 50
318	2	2	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	June '99	2 00	.....	27 00
319	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Jun1900	.....	.....	25 50
320	2	2	2	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	93	"	.....	.....	64 00
321	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	"	.....	.....	17 75
322	1	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	79	"	.....	.....	51 25
323	9	8	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	.....	3 50
324	14	13	14	6	5	3	3	.....	.....	1	256	"	7 25	.....	233 50
325	5	5	2	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	"	1 50	.....	17 00
326	32	31	29	6	8	2	7	.....	.....	.....	314	"	80 50	.....	125 25
327	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	June '99	.....	.....	14 00
328	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	Dec. '99	.....	.....	16 50
329	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	82	Jun1900	.....	.....	27 50
330	6	6	6	2	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	86	"	20 00	.....	58 25
331	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	June '99	2 00	.....	11 50
332	13	16	14	1	2	2	1	148	Jun1900	128 25
333	7	6	4	41	"	36 50
334	8	8	7	2	2	1	1	45	"	19 00	37 25

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	Jonas Gosnell....	Sol. Gosnell.....
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Camp.....	Thos. Sowersby....
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	Tu. on or b.f.m	M. H. Prentiss....	D. C. Holmes.....
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday....	C. A. J. Farquhar ..	F. H. Anderson....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. M. Bowie.....	J. S. Evans.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	W. M. Grant	J. M. Sumner.....
344	aMerrill	Dorch's trs'n	Th. on or b.f.m	John Sharp	W. H. Shaw.....
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.t.m	T. T. McDougall ..	J. McDougall.....
346	aThe Occident.....	Toronto.....	3d Wednesday	John Muir.....	John Lillie.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Jas. J. Craig	James Beattie
348	aGeorgian.....	Pen'tang'she	1st Thursday....	R. S. Kenney.....	G. H. Wright.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound	W. on or b.f.m	Edwin Pirie.....	D. Macfarlane
354	aBrock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	H. D. Talbot.....	Joseph A. Kift....
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Fred. A. Brown....	Wm. Taylor.....
357	aWaterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. E. Smith.....	Robt. Flatt.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	Sam Lewis	J. A. Tiffany.....
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	R. W. McCall.....	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. G. Mills....	Issac Huber.....
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday....	W. A. Clark.....	W. E. Buckingham ..
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	J. A. McDonald	A. McCollough....
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	H. W. Sussex.....	John Cooper.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	John Drew	R. C. Gallagher ..
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday....	W. H. Mowat.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton M.	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. B. Rice.....	John A. Tyers.....
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	D. A. Coon, M. D. ..	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales...	Ottawa	4th Friday.....	John Wilson.....	John B. Wright....
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu. on or a.f.m	H. Robbins.....	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thur day....	G. W. Sutherland ..	Thomas Main.....
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. Bu-hell....	J. M. Shaw, M.D. ..
375	aLorne.....	Omenee	1st Thursday....	J. J. Morgan.....	Hugh Murray
376	aUnity	Huntsville.....	2d Wednesday	D. M. Grant.....	George Walton....
377	aLorne.....	Snelburne	1st Friday.....	J. P. Marshall....	Chas. Mason
378	aKing Solomon's...	London West	2nd Thursday	John Kelly.....	W. Nicholl.....
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	Paul Broome.....	Wm. Smithert.....
380	aUnion	London.....	2nd Monday....	R. D. A. Hillier....	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday....	F. L. Nash.....	C. V. Emory, M.D. ..
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	1st Tuesday....	S. S. Reveller.....	G. Johnson.....
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday....	Robt. Ross.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	W. on or a.f.m	G. E. Reynolds....	J. M. Sissons.....
386	aMcColl	West Lorne.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Daniel McKillop ..	W. A. Becker.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m	M. R. McDonald ..	Rev. C. J. Young ..
388	aHenderson	Iderton.....	M. on or b.f.m	E. Ironside.....	T. E. Slack.....
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Waddell, MD ..	G. W. Chapman ..
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin.....	J. D. McMillan....
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	E. Porter.....	W. H. Ellsworth ..
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	C. O. Tru'ser.....	A. Tru'ser.....
393	aForest	Chesley.....	1st Tuesday....	W. T. R ss.....	John R. Steele....
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford.....	W. on or b.f.m	L. W. Beavens....	Jas. Clubb.....
395	aParvaim	Comber	Fri. on or b.f.m	C. W. Scherer.....	P. A. Flaherty
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. N. Shaw....	S. E. Forter.....
397	aLeopold.....	Bridgen	Wed b.f.m.....	James Smith.....	H. J. Leacock....
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	W. on or b.f.m	Ed. Mosgrove	Jos. McC'elland ..
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	D. D. York.....	Thos. McKee.....
400	aOakville	Oakville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	James C. Ford.....	C. A. Bra bury....
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday....	W. D. McRae.....	Geo. D. Aldred
402	aCentral	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Brien.....	A. O. Stimers.....
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	Fi z. Bridges.....	Jas. C. Guillot....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	F. on or a.f.m	John McKnight	Jas. Aylesworth ..
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday....	R. Shanks.....	C. W. Haetschel ..
406	aThe Spry.....	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	H. H. Graham....	Rev. W. Farncomb ..
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. Williamson....	F. S. King.....
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. Winfield	A. A. Moury.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	4th Friday.....	T. G. Malcolm.....	J. F. Faulds.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Busby.....	T. W. Kirpatrick..
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. B. Way.....	C. V. Campbell
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	Richard Carless ..	W. A. Hutton.....

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	1	1	1		1					1	24	Dec. '98	\$ 45 25		\$ 31 00
337											20	Dec. '98	3 00		
338	3	3	3				4				24	Jun1900	19 50		13 25
339	19	13	10	5	1	6	6			9	174	"			166 25
341		1	1								37	"	1 50		25 00
343	21	18	22	7	4		3			1	210	"	1 00		173 50
844					1						29	"			17 75
345	2	2	2		1						28	"			11 00
346	10	11	14	2	7	2		2		2	153	"			118 00
347	4	1	1	3	4		13				33	"			56 50
348	8	8	7			1	1			2	27	Dec. '99	1 00		
352	7	5	3		2	2					64	Jun1900			55 00
354	2	2	2	1	1		2			1	53	"		1 00	36 25
356	2	2	3		1					2	36	"	1 00		27 00
357	3	3	2		1					1	45	Jun '99		2 00	19 75
358					2					2	40	Jun1900	21 50		20 50
359	1	3	3			1					37	"		2 00	29 25
360	1				3					1	38	"		1 00	21 75
361	11	11	11	1	4	1				3	98	"		2 00	96 75
362	3	3	3		7						41	"			28 75
364											34	June '98	72 50		
367	16	16	17	2	4	1	3			3	152	Jun19 0			115 00
368	2	1	1	3	4	2	1			1	90	"			51 75
369	5	5	3			1					61	"			49 00
370				1						1	65	Dec '99		2 00	128 75
371	8	7	7	3		1	3				74	Jun1900		3 75	53 75
372	7	4	6	2							55	"			39 75
373	4	4	3		1			1			31	"	1 50		33 75
374	1	1	1								28	"			14 25
375	3	3	2								39	Dec. '99	38 00		60 00
376	2	3	2	1						1	75	Jun1900		14 00	42 50
377	4	5	4		1		2				54	"			40 00
378	4	3	2		1	2	3			1	66	"			48 50
379	3	3	2	1	1						30	Dec. '99			25 50
380	19	15	11	1	1	2	8			4	118	"	10 00		108 25
382	8	11	10		5	2	12				140	"	1 50		113 00
383	2	3	4		3		4				48	Jun1900			47 25
384	11	8	8	7	6	1	2			2	201	"			179 75
385	1	1	1	3	1						33	"			10 75
386	3	3				1	1				39	"	24 50		25 00
387	3	1	1		2		1				19	"	27 25		
388	5	3		1			1				40	"	5 00		23 00
389					1						38	"			23 50
390	1	1	3	1							26	"			32 50
391	5	5	5		1						62	"			39 50
392	6	4	5	1	1						56	"			35 75
393	3	3	2								32	Dec. '99	32 00		
394	4	5	4	1	1		1				60	Jun1900		4 50	41 75
395		1	1	1							42	Dec. '99			49 75
396	10	8	9	1	2					1	75	Jun1900		4 00	83 75
397	4	4	5	1	3						47	"			37 50
398	3	2			1						32	"			15 75
399	3	2	4		2		2			1	24	"		2 00	33 50
400											84	June '99			45 00
401	2	4	3			1				1	56	Jun1900			64 75
402	6	5	4	3	1					1	59	"			40 75
403	26	25	20	3	3		5			1	128	"			120 00
404	3	3	3	5	1						41	"		2 00	21 50
405	7	4	7		3		5				76	"			66 50
406	3	4	3		2		1				39	"	20 00		34 75
408	1					2	1				32	"			34 75
409	7	5	4	1	1	1					41	"			32 25
410	13	13	8	2	3		3			4	114	"			110 00
411											37	June '99			38 25
412	5	6	9	1	3		6			2	82	Jun1900			60 25
413	5	4	2		6						66	"	55 00		26 00

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414	Pequonga.....	Rat Portage.	1st Wednesday	James Sherman	G. R. Wood.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William	W. on or b.f.m	C. H. Jackson ...	Wm. Western ...
416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Cumming...	Maurice Br wn ..
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday.....	John McLeod ...	A. J. Holmes.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday...	T. W. Munro	D. P. McDermid ..
419	aBismarck.....	Pt. Edward ..	2nd Monday....	J. W. Johnson ...	B. F. George.....
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay....	2nd Thursday	Henry D. Leask.	Jas. McKenna...
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	R. F. Taylor.....	J. E. McIntyre, As
422	aStar of the East ..	Bothwell.....	W. on or b.f.m	Sm'l F. Patterson	C. E. Bailey.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge ...	3d Wednesday	A. J. Whitby	A. A. Anderson...
424	aDoric.....	Pickering....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. A. Bunting ...	R. M. Stewart...
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Henry Roebuck.	T. C. Cowan, M.D
426	aStanley.....	W. Tor Junc	1st Tuesday....	A. J. Anderson ...	A. H. Royce
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	1st Wednesday	R. H. Arthur.....	Chris. R. Reid...
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry...	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. Swan.....	Wm. Spencer ...
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin...	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. Cameron...	J. T. Lillie....
430	aAcacia.....	East Toronto	3rd Monday ...	W. Fitzpatrick...	H. A. Giles.....
431	Moravian	Eden Grove..	F. on or a. f.m	Thos. Pinkerton	Wilson Clark...
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	F. on or b.f.m	J. S. Knechtel...	J. Sutherland...
433	aBonnechere ...	Eganville....	2nd Monday....	Edward Wood...	Jas. D. Lea h.....
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	Tu. on ora.f.m	R. McKonkey ...	J. O. Adams.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	F. on or b.f.m.	W. S. Dodd.....	T. J. Bate r.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth....	Tu. on or a.f.m	R. S. Russell ...	John Sutherby...
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	3d Wednesday	Alex. Kidd.....	F. G. Winlow.....
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	4th Monday...	W. H. Shaw.....	T. G. Eagan.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria...	1st Wednesday	John Simpson...	S. F. B. Reid.....
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Brandon...	W. S. Munn.....
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	1st Friday.....	Robt. Flagg.....	J. E. Whaley.....
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon...	Th on or b.f.m	A. E. Dymont...	Fred. Leighfield
443	Powassan.....	Powassan....	2nd Friday....	A. Oldfield.....	D. Carmichael...
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore ...	Tu. on ora.f.m	G. E. J. Brewn...	Joseph Hood.....
445	Lake of the Woods	Rat Portage	2nd Wednesday	D. F. Ferguson...	W. Robertson...
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. J. Hollands...	H. J. F. Sissons...
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Fl's	2nd Monday..	W. Anderson.....	A. Bridgman

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LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1900.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	13	11	10	3	3	2					95	Jun1900	.....	1 75	\$ 122 10
415	13	12	11	2	7	1	4			1	55	"	.....		47 00
416	1										26	"	.....		18 50
417		1	1								50	Dec. '99	.....		36 00
418	6	7	5	1	4	1				1	51	Jun1900	.....		42 00
419	6	5	4				5				73	"	.....		43 75
420	8	7	9	2	3	1	16			2	77	"	.....	2 00	61 75
421	2	3	2	1	3						55	"	.....		56 50
422	7	5	5								45	"	.....		40 00
423			1								43	Dec. '99	.....	2 00	37 25
424	4	3	4				1			2	36	Jun1900	.....		26 50
425	5	4	4			1					43	"	.....		23 75
426	15	11	13	2						1	146	"	.....		92 75
427	16	17	12		4					3	101	"	47 50		76 00
428	7	7	6		2	1					55	"	.....		42 25
429	2	2	3		1	1					40	"	.....	2 00	39 25
430	3	3	2	3			3			1	74	"	.....		77 75
431	2	2	1	1	4						41	"	.....		31 00
432	9	8	7		1						37	Dec. '99	.....		22 50
433	7	7	6		2						38	Jun1900	.....		34 50
434	2	5	6		2						40	"	.....		47 00
435	2	4	5								53	Dec. '99	.....		23 75
436	7	3	2		2						30	Jun1600	.....		53 25
437	14	10	11		1						60	"	.....		53 00
438	10	8	5	1	2		11				14	Dec. '99	.....		75 50
439	3	1	2	2	2	1					136	Jun1900	.....		55 25
440	6	6	5		3		1				34	"	.....		33 00
441	1	1	1		1						28	"	.....		34 50
442	5	4	3		2						48	Dec. '99	.....	2 00	26 50
443	2	1	1	1							26	Jun1900	.....		49 75
444	4	3	3								27	"	5 50		14 50
445	1	1	2	2							25	"	.....		37 50
446	10	11	9	6	3						40	"	.....		66 00
447	8	1									25	"	.....		20 00
												Inter'st Gen'l Fund...			3200 77
												" Asy'um			435 00
												P. M. Certifi-	cates....		5 00
												Dispen- ations	.....		61 00
												Miscel- laneous	.....		8 50
														2016 25	138 75 22413 77

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D. D., Blenheim.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond...	Wardsville
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 47, Great Western	Windsor	" 390, Florence	Florence
" 243, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 395, Parvain.....	Comber
" 267, Parthenon	Chatham	" 402, Central	Ft. Essex
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 403, Windsor	Windsor
" 282, Lorne	Glencoe	" 411, Rodney	Rodney
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 413, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
" 312, Pnyx	Wallaceburg	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Albert W. Parks, Oil Springs.

No. 56 Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia	Thedford	" 328, Ionic	Napier
" 153, Burns	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold	Brigden
" 238, Havelock	Watford	" 419, Bismarck	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Thornicroft, Lambeth.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olive.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian	London East
" 94, St. Mark's	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley...	Delaware
" 140, Malahide	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's...	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales...	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont	Belmont	" 380, Union	London
" 195, Tuscan	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's	London	" 394, King Solomon...	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron	Dutton	" 399, Moffat	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. E. Monroe, Auburn.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n..	New Hamb'n
" 73, St. James'	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star...	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot	Baden
" 154, Irving	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James H. Scott, Kincardine.

No. 93, Northern Light..	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence..	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf	Tara
" 184, Old Light	Lucknow	" 393, Forest	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar	Wiarion
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover	Hanover
" 284, St. John's	Brussels	" 436, Burns	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Smiley, Paris.

No. 10, Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....Port Burwell
" 70, Oxford.....Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....Tilsenburg	" 217, Frederick.....Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....Paris	" 237, Vienna.....Vienna
" 101, St. John's.....Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....Embryo
" 106, Burford.....Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....Waterford	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Cowan, Galt.

No. 72, Alma.....Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....Ayr	" 297, Preston.....Preston
" 180, Speed.....Guelph	" 306, Durham.....Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....Elora	" 315, Clifford.....Clifford
" 216, Harris.....Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....Arthur
" 237, Galt.....Galt	" 347, Mercer.....Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....Guelph	" 361, Waverley.....Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....Harriston	" 421, Scott.....Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....Erin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Birrell, Hamilton.

No. 6, The Bar on.....Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....St. George
" 45, Brant.....Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....Brantford	" 382, Doric.....Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....Milton	" 400, Oakville.....Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....Burlington	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alfred Orton, Bradford.

No. 79, Simcoe.....Bradford	No. 266, Northern Light.....Stayner
" 88, St. George's.....Owen Sound	" 285, Seven Star.....Alliston
" 90, Manito.....Collingwood	" 304, Minerva.....Stroud
" 96, Corinthian.....Barrie	" 322, North Star.....Owen Sound
" 137, Pythagoras.....Meaford	" 333, Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
" 192, Orillia.....Orillia	" 348, Georgian.....Penetanguishene
" 230, Kerr.....Barrie	" 377, Lorne.....Shelburne
" 234, Beaver.....Clarksburg	" 385, Spy.....Beeton
" 236, Manitoba.....Cookstown	" 444, Nitetis.....Creemore
" 249, Caledonian.....Midland	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. A. Simpson, Beamsville.

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....Thorold
" 7, Union.....Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....Beamsville	" 333, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....Welland	" 372, Palmer.....Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....York	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, Brampton.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 292, Robertson.....Nobleton
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 305, Humber.....Weston
" 65, Reboboam.....Toronto	" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 369, Minico.....Lambton Mills
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, Uxbridge.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 169, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. H. Linton, Orono.

No. 26, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon
" 30, Composite.....Whitby	" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 375, Lorne.....Omemee
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 155, Peterborough.....Peterborough	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 223, Norwood.....Norwood	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. N. A. Bonesteel, Frankford

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 125, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Frank.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 201, Leeds.....Gananoque
" 9, Union.....Napanea	" 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 92, Cataragui.....Kingston	" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 404, Lorne.....Tatamworth
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 441, Westport.....Westport

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT. NO. 15. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. D. Cameron, Lancaster.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 256, Farran's Point.....	Farran's Pt
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 24, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 370, Harmonv.....	Delta
" 74, St. James.....	Bethel	" 383, Henderson West.....	Winchester
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 377, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....	N Augusta
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster		

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Robertson, Ottawa.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vanleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. McCrossan, Rat Portage.

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin
" 412, Key Stone.....	Sault Ste Marie	" 442, Dymont.....	Thesalon
" 414, Pequongia.....	Rat Portage	" 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Rat Portage
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. W. Liddle, North Bay.

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bacebridge	" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emsdale
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 447, Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	22 Lodges
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
South Huron	" 4.....	15 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	21 "
Georgian	" 9.....	19 "
Niagara	" 10.....	21 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	20 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	20 "
Ontario	" 12.....	24 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	19 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	14 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	23 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	18 "
Algoma	" 17.....	8 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	10 "
Unattached	.....	1 "

Total.....362

EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE, 1900.

No. 86, 326, 410—Thomas Sargant. No. 222—Donald Clark.

SUSPENSIONS FOR U. M. C., 1899-1900.

No. 22—A E McDonald. 123—Richard Waters. 257—J H Willard. 373—Chas Hearn.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D., 1899-1900.

No. 3—Jas Yule Hugh Lawson. 5—C W Bullock, J H Carnegie, N Cossitt, H C Gates, T E I win, A H Laughlin, G A McMullen, P J Pack, C R McWilliams, H L Perkins, F M Tuauer, J A Urquhart. 6—W R Pray. 9—S J Asselstine, W J Sanford, A Henry, R L Lennox. 14—R Bourke, G Bond, G R McCarthy, W J Dixon. 16—S Paterson. 20—T Boswell, H A Winnett, M E Neugent, J S Luney, A M Cleghorn, J B Hodgins, W A Brock, W H Oke, A McFadden, F Hazelgrove. 22—G R Brckham, J McF Kerr, A Mathews, W H Hoskins, G A Lowe, J H Powers. 25—W C Bounell, Wm Far. 23—M G Lynde, S Thompson, A H Manning, J F Natrass, H H Jones. 27—J C Campbell. 30—J H Greenwood, R L Wolfenden. 37—W C Noxon, J Vance, W H Fowler. A J Clark, L Chapman, J F Williams, A McCarter, G F Clark, C D Weatherall, S King, T H Webb, J Peddion. 40—A W Ardiel, W H Brown, T G Carroll, D Mavor, W G McAndrew, C Wilson. 42—W Reed, W Webb, J L Fitzgerald. 44—S Carpenter, R S Beattie, D D Long, R A Clark, C Dempsey, A L Merrill, E Moore, T A Parish, J E Slaght. 45—A C Bowers, J Deaton, B Puschinsky, W E Winksel, J W Patte. 46—J R Johnson, E S Bedford, W J Nash. 47—G Beane, T Robinson, E McKee, G Jackson. 48—S Sargant. 52—E Bullis, L Booth, J R Douglass, J A Gravelle, W H King, J Ogilvie, C A Olmsted, W L Wagener. 58—C Aird, C P Dewar. 6—F G McKel, J Purvis. 62—W Galer, J Logan. 63—J G McIntosh, F Fisher. 64—J H Monaghan. 65—A B Acheson, W H Coleman, R Ferguson, E H Langham, C M Larson, J McFaul, R J Nicholls, A T Ramage, W H Smith, D H Watt. 73—S L Robinson, J W Purdy. 76—F L Saanagan, W L McKay. 78—J Haney, J Hutchison, F R Foster, S Cowan, J Crane. 81—W Harrison, J Weeks. 85—T E Connors. 88—A Callon. 90—Jas Morrow, N J Cole. 92—J A Charles. 101—B M Eden. 103—S Montgomery, A W McMaugh, R W Lawrie, J Arbutnot, G C I. Miller, J Housberger, G E Wand, F J Montgomery. 104—D F Bungay. 110—Robt McGoory. 113—A M Garbea, R W Trotter, G A Moritz, W C Woodward, J W Merrill. 114—J Palmer. 115—M Linnen, J Keith, O E Henry, W Williams. 118—J S Hughes. 121—J E Alford, D Blasdel, G W Elliott, F Grobb, F Leeming, E Paterson, J W Roswell, F G E Rodgers, J T Slater, R Storey, J T Storey, H Wilcox, W F Templer, Hy Storey. 128—A L Aubin, Geo Carr, J J Gourley, A H Horn, D Holt, W R Kelly, Jas Miller, A Martel. 133—J Dauncey. 139—T May, J A Douglass, S A McFarlane. 140—T Brightey, C H Kimball. 141—Wm Campbell, A Fowler. 142—W P Chamberlain, D C Bush, J E Smith, J H Merkle, H C Miller, F W Sherman, J W A Kirk, A S Doran, D R Roberts, Geo G Rose. 143—H W Wallace, W I Redmond, A Bure, J J Sharp, J Raycroft, J McNairn. 144—G Close, A R Vivian. 146—H R Spencer, 151—A Chatfield, E Huber, G C Secord. 153—W Haggart. 154—P Doonham. O E Daltry. 155—G J Early. 156—G H C Brooke, C T Duke, J Farewell, P Hagerman. 162—R Ross, F E Moore, W Stinson, J J Rutherford. 165—T H Alton, A McMillan. 171—D McLean, A D Campbell, A Patterson, B McIntyre, T Sioan, A Humphrey, J M Brown, J H Ross. 174—E Woodward, W McDonald, C Gales, A B Bratt, W Oses. 177—J M Morgan, J R McFarlane, F C Powell, W H Sixsmith, W J Loughton. 180—G W Dodds, D Smith. 184—A McCuaig, J A McDonald, G M Franklin. 192—D McNabb, W H Millar. 193—G Mordue, A Cornell. 203—Hugh Clark. 209a—W S Rhyecard, W M Fielding, J W Martin, M Vanatter, H R Lyon. 217—C G Wood. 218—W A Bell, W Johnston, J Miller, F T Thomson, J Trelor, W Thomson, J Wright, J Woodburn. 219—D Williams, G W Grant, R L Corey, J K McKenzie, J Hanes. 222—A M Caverley, W Bonter, A H Loucks. 229—J A Graham. 230—V H English. 231—W Bird, O J Brazier, M M Rae. 233—E J Phippen. 235—W G Collins, R J Stevens. 243—J Westwood. 247—B D Pearson, A S King. 249—P Schissler, N Reaburn. 250—F W Rutherford, J Kinniburgh. 254—J Rankin, E J Burton, W E Burger, L T Delcomyn, W McHattie, D Fraser, J Clark, J O Doran. 258—W B Kerr, W D Tawse. 260—J M Oatman, F A Smiley, J A Webb. 262—W Thackery, D Rupert. 263—J W Thomas, T A Reid, W J Stirton. 270—F W Brooke, J Blair. 271—J B Jackson, R H Galbraith, A Pringle, D S McLellan. 274—J S Upper, J C Walker, A L Peacock, J Cox, F S Bounsal. 283—C Green, E Richardson. W Haight. 291—J Wheeler, G S Field, G H Harper, W Dymont. 294—D T Elder, D T Crawford, O Ross. 295—E Woodman, A Longman, C Harifeldt, A Booth. 302—G Gourley, F Batzold, jr., Thos Lowe. 307—Jas Brison. 309—R H Cullis, A E Cullis, P Courtland, R Downs, J P Fisher, J S Habkirk, Jas S Hart, R Kirkpataick, T H Ryan, Wm Scharfee, I. Wetlanfer. 312—J Andrews,

C Swainson, A D Brander, W H Clutterbuck, C S Woolever, C S Judson, M Cameron, S L Mann, S Somers, J Cooper, Thos Hayes, — G Laird, E Stevens, J S Cooper, J A Steinhoff, A L Cameron, D R Sutherland, Geo Hill, J Daly, J D McNulty, R T Riddell. 314—A Hobson, A Brechin. 316—H Lucas, C A Hutchison. 320—L W Howard. 323—W Fitzg-rald, A Russell. 324—R F Wodehouse, D Barton, B S Cathells. 325—J Robertson R Busted, G L Lindsay, Geo P Pike, C H Bosan-s, T L Gallagher, H C Coates. 329—J Edmondson, T G Preastland. 330—J J Smith, N J Hopkins, F E Davis, A Carswell, E F Needham, A B Blake-Foster. 332—W Cardwell. 338—W Gates, Jas Chambers, J C Munson, H A Cook. 339—N B Burton, G H Bailie, jr, J K Leslie, J M Pierce, W Russell, J J Walsh. 343—Robt Reilly, L B Montgomery, E Buffum. 345—C Blodget. 346—W C Darnley, R Reilly. 347—T H Cumming, T C Allardice, M Dow, J J Eamore, J B Wilkie, J C Pomeroy, J Davidson, P Perry, A H Halliday, T B Kerr, I C Madill, N Jeffrey, D Thorp. 348—P Gillespie. 352—W G Jessop, J McAllister. 354—R C Brandon, T J Taylora. 367—D McKenzie, L Pedler, H T Smith. 368—W Simps n. 371—Hy Worley, W Percy, W G Price. 377—C A Moore, D R Decatur. 378—H C Symonds, J B Smyth, W Hadden, N G Moore, D S Tuttle. 379—F H Kenna, F Stoneman, J A Gauld, C F Warcup, F T C Richardson, Hy Ga dener, J H Gatecliffe, A G Hicks. 382—W R Pray, W W Foster, W W Turnbull, A Cutbush, T Gooding, W J Laing, A W Price, L T Delcomyn, T Hedden, E E McKennon, H Cooper, T A Martin. 383—J W Kennedy, J H Gould, R Dow, R Hill. 384—T G Cooper, G G Robinson. 386—P Barry. 387—W O Bell. 388—Thos Wilson. 394—Am McLeod. 399—J L Lawer, A Scott. 403—R S McDonald, F B Hensen, I Kenny, P H Fauquier, E E Schultz. 405—F W Holloway, J A Bell, W I Sullivan, J McIlroy, Alexander Lyons. 406—W E Ellis. 408—T W Fountain. 410—A F Dixon, R Gillespie, H Rogers. 412—T Plummer, W Pennington, W C Foster, R Craig, J P McInnes, A L Friedman. 415—E Kershaw, W Handcock, N Armstrong, J McPhail. 419—E Phelps, H B Fairborne, J H McIntyre, R H Frier, A Newcombe. 420—W H Burger, J Lomax, S A Huntington, J M tchell, W Wilkinson, H N Atkinson, L W Hart, P J Joubert, F W Thompson, W Hepburn, W D Gay, E E White, W H Hollendale, F Reyn lds, G W Tann-r, A H Beau. 424—W E Vanstone. 430—W P McMaster, W Thompson, W Moore. 438—Jas Alexander, A B Arm trong, J C Cockburn, T K Barton, C P Clark, H M East, J H Fairbairn, C Hamden, J J McKay, Thas O'Brien, W C Tyler. 440—W McKeivey.

DEATHS, 1899-1900

No. 2—Robt Rogers, 17th October, '99. 3—G A Kirkpatrick, 13th December, '99. 5—T J B Harding, 28th August '99. 6—O E Coplmore 26th Sept, '99; Geo E Tuckett, 18th Feb, 1900; Alex Burns 22nd May, 1900. 7—Robt O Book, 28th Oct, '99; W D Forbes, 22nd Jan'y, 1900; D Sykes, 2th June, 1900. 15—W A Deacon, 7th July, '99. 16—S D Fisher, 22nd Feb'D, 1900. 17—D McNaughton. 21st June, 1900. 14—T Shannon, 3rd Aug, '99; I J Soby, 15th May, 1900; D B Somes, 31st Jan'y, 1900; J H Murney, 28th Feb'y, 1900. 20—R Sadder, 18th Feb'y, 1900. 22—V C Clements, no date; J Campbell, 5th Feb'y, 1900; R Elder, 20th Feb'y, 1900; T S. nior, 9th May, 1900; G R Hamilton, 10th June, 1900. 25—L Stracey, 5th Dec, '99; T Wolfer-tan, no date. 27—W F Walker, 27th Feb'y, 1900; J R Vert, 31st March, 1900. 29—J W Freeman, 6th Dec, '99. 31—S Burden 4th Oct, '99. 32—W Neice, 18th Dec, '89; W S Moote, 18th June 1900. 33—W A Rhynas, 28th Oct, '99; R S Dickson, 9th May, 1900; Jas Hays, 11th May, 1900. 34—W Thomas, 30th July, '99. 35—R Hamilton, 4th Oct, '99. 40—R Chisholm, 12th July, '99; Geo Ham lton, 8th May, 1 00. 41—R Drummond, 1 th Oct '99. 42—J A Kennedy, 25th Nov, '99. 43—Thos W McKee, 20th Sept, '99; Jas White, 19th ov, '99. 44—R A McKay, 23rd Dec. '99. 45—D Marquis, Oct, '99; G H Frankland, 10th May, 1900. 46—Robt Martin 2nd June, '99; J E B'ook, 4th Oct, '99; T Stone, 17th Oct, '99; W J Wats n, 16th Dec. '99. 47—Geo Irwin, 27th April, 1000. 48—B H Eekert, 18th Aug, '99. 54—W Richardson, 1st Oct, '99; J Smelser, 22nd June, 1900. 56—W Splan, 10th Dec, '99; J J Dryden, 2nd March, 1900. 57—R Wright, 7th April, 1900. 58—Jas Munsie, 21st March 1900. 61—R B Po ts, 11th July, '99; G McGill, 14th Aug, '99; P C Blaicher, 20th March, 1900. 64—A B Deacon, 1898; C W Davis, 21st June, '99; Jas B Campbell, 12th Oct '89. 65—C Porter, Nov, '99; A E Fox, Aug, '99; R D Meyers, 18th June, 1900. 69—J M A-hley, 29th June, '99. 72—G F Torrance, 26th Aug, '99; A M Eewlands, 24th July, 1 00. 75—T A Heintzman, July, '99; E S Evans, Oct, '99; Jas Forsyth, Nov, '99; J Meharg 24th Jan'y, 1900; T Hills, 11th F b'y, 1900; J Alderdice, 11th May, 1900; Jno Hallam, 21st June, 1900. 76—W Totten, 5th Dec, '99; E Sharpe, 4th March, 1900. 78—J B Thompson, 26th June, '99. 79—Lewis R Algo, 16th Dec, '99. 86—J A Mills, 13th July, '99. 88—J McD Coates, Jan'y, 1900. 90—Jas Lindsay, 20th Jan'y, 1900. 91—Geo Cockburn 6th Oct, '99; G O Fowler, 22nd Nov, '98. 92—F Rowland, 14th Jan'y, '99; C H Hatch, 12th March, '99; W Waddington, 28th May, '99; J C Metcalf, 19th June, '99. 94—L S Sanders,

6th Oct. '99. 99—D H B Phillips, 30th January, 1900. 101—V. Clementi, 16th Oct. '99. 103—W Ellis, 15th Dec. '99; W W V Corbin, 22nd Jan, 1900; J A Brislowl, 4th May, 1900. 104—H McDowell, 22nd Oct. '99. 105—D Morningstar, 24th April, '99; J Sagar, 30th Oct. '99; G Hyatt, 26th March 1900; A A Powell, 10th April, 1900; J Hartman, 3rd June, 1900. 106—H Taylor, 3rd Jan'y, 1900. 110—A Jordan 19th Nov. '99. 114—C Colman, 23rd Dec. '99. 15—G J Fimmel, 24th March, 1900. 116—Robt F Manly, 8th March, 1900. 118—Thos Brown, 4th July, '99. 120—N S McCall, 30th Aug. '99. 121—J P Excell, 25th Feb'y, 1900. A B Milks. 25th Feb'y, 1900; B Nuttall, 1st Aug. '99. 122—D C McDougall, 31st Oct. '99; S Acton, 22nd May, 1900. 123—W H Carscallen, 15th Sept. '89. 125—G H Weagant, 10th July, '99; A Csmeron, 9th April, 1900. 128—C A Prigg, 10th November, '99; T. Jackson, Dec '99; H Sinton, Feb. 1900. 133—R H Collins, 1st March, 1900. 135—E Dixon, 7th Oct '99. 141—Jas Begg, 11th June, '98. 142—M A Marcellus, 3 th Nov '99. R Lyle, 11th April, 1900; W Whitteker, 24th April, 1900. 144—J Bernhard, 24th Nov '99. 145—W Piercey, 13th Oct '99. 146—J Van P Detlor, 12th April, 1900. 147—W G Nulson, 5th Jany. '99 J McN Munro, 8th May, '99. 148—Geo Logan, 17th Nov, '99; W R Wright, 21th Dec, '99. 151—J Seylor, Nov '99. 154—W Port, 12th Sept, '99; H. O'Neil, 11th May. 1900. 157—R Bol on 5th April, 1900. 158—J Savage, Dec '99. 161—J McCleminson, 28th April, 1900. 164—H McCullough, 29th March. 1900. 166—J W Robertson, 12 h Sept '99. 168—T R Secord, 6th Sept '99. 169—E. Smith, 6th Nov '99. 170—W E Caldwell, 3rd Sept, '99. 177—J E Parker, 26th July, '99; W Irvine, 13th Jany 1900; H Hirds, 6th April, 1900. 180—F Skinner, 11th Dec. '99; R Campbell, 22nd Dec. '99; Jas Parker, 17th May, 1900. 181—V S Milks, 2nd Dec, '99. 192—M Hall, 12th Oct, '99; A N McCarthy, 17th June, 1900. 193—R Durham, 11th Oct. '99. 194—J W Crosbie, 2nd Aug. '99; C R Simpson, 24th July '99; T A Thompson, 9th July '99. 196—W Allen, 8th July, '99. 197—W M Murdoch, 9th Aug. '99. 200—H B Jelly, 30th Sept. '99; J A Young, 9th April, 1900. 201—Jno Willis, 21st March. '99; W Raymond, 16th Nov. '99. 209a—R F Matthews, 18th March, '99; H J White, 6th April, '99; F W Barnes, 14th Sept. '99. 215—S. Simmonds. 6th Feby, 1900. 216—W C Dahl, 23rd Aug. '99. 218—J A McDonald, 29th Nov. '99; A W Gilchrist, 25th April, 1900. 220—W D Irvine, 5th Sept. '99. 221—Jas Weeks, 2nd Sept. '99; H. James, 8th Feby, 1900. 228—H B Senior, 18th March, 1900. 230—H Harper, 6th April, 1900. 231—T J Benbow, 30th Oct. '99; C R Church, 20th April, 1900; F G Balcombe, 28th May, 1900. 234—A A Ingersoll, 10th Jany, 1900. 236—W M Smith, 11th Jany, 1900. 237—E Payne, 2nd Sept. '99. 238—A G Shirley, 8th Dec. '98; J McWaters, 6th Dec. '99. 242—A McDonald, 8th March, 1900. 247—J Renwick, 35th June, '99; R E Bailey, 4th March, 1900. 249—C J Warder, 12th Oct. '99; J Dixon, 27th Sept, 1897. 256—A Dawson, 19th Feby, 1900. 263—J G Johnson, 21st June, 1900. 265—W T Clay, 11th June, 1900. 274—A F Robertson, 29th Janv, 1900. 277—A Kelly, 29th Sept. '99. 282 P J McAlpine. 1st Sept. '99. 290—W H Ryal, 12th July. '99; Chas Chamberlain, 11th May, 1900. 292—J Smeiser, 22nd June, 1900. 294—Geo Leslie, 27th Jany, 1900. 297—M H Rolling, 22nd Dec. '99. 300—A Griffith, 19th Nov. '99. 302—E Smith, 15th Jany, 1900. 306—A McKenzie, 1st Sept. '99. 307—B Batchelor, 5th Aug. '99; J Detwiler, 15th May, 1900. 309—A T McDonald, 20th Jany, '99; H Girvin, 30th Jany, '99. 318—W Mcrose, 19th, Feby, '99. 320—A C Carr, 7th Dec. '99. 324—W E Sanford, 10th July, '99; A F Forbes, 2nd Aug. '99. A A Fuller, 5th May, 1900. 325—R M Leod, 27th Dec. '99. 326—J Fletcher, 1st Dec. '99; W Christie 14th June, 1900. 332—J McFadden, 4th Aug. '99; S A Cameron, 25th April, 1900. 334—A Fraser, 18th Feb. 1900. 339—E Blong, 25th July, '99; J W T Bryce, 14th Aug. '99; J Burns, 12th Nov. '99; J Burns, 12th Nov. '99; R E Baiev, 3rd March, 1900; J Roose, 15th pr 1, 1900; J Jtinson, 13th June. 1900. 346—W Hexley, 16th March, 1900; V V Ashforp, 2st March, 1900. 348—J J J Buckley, no date. 352—W Wilcox, 2ind March, 1900; F. Shaw 31st May. 1900. 359—J. McCall, 11th July, '99. 361—F B Skinner, 14th Dec. '99. 367—W M Murdoch, Aug. '99. 368—J Reynolds, 25th Sept. '99; Saml. Reynolds, 14th March, 1900. 369—W Sugg tt, 18th June, 1900. 371—D A Welch, no date. 378—D D Smith, 5th May, 1900; K. Hadden, 16th June, 1900. 380—W Avey, 17th April, '99; E Green, 23rd April, '99. 382—S G Treble, 22nd Aug. '99; W Teale, 26th March, 1900. 384—Thos Hopkirk, 9th July, '99. 386—J McMullen, 3rd June, '99. 391—Geo A Browne, 4th—P D McArthur, 12th Jany, 1900; Jas McHattie, 26th March. 1900. 409—A P Correll, 11th April, 1900. 414—A Burron, 26th Sept. '99; Jas Barton 5th Oct. '99. 415—W Manning, no date. 418—M L Stewart, 25th Jany. 1900. 427—W O Washburn, 19th Dec. '99. 425—John Polley, 20th Oct. '99. 428—W McGill, 1st Aug. '99. 429—A R K Elliott, 12th March, 1900. 439—D C McMillan, 24th July, '99

RESTORATIONS, 1899-1900.

No. 3—Jas Yule, Hugh Lawson, J R Taylor, J W Brooks. 5—D J D Campbell, Thos G Cook. 8—J W Ross, Thos Smith, D Duncan. 9—E B Stone. 11—R McEllan. 14—J A Laurie, W J Dixon. 18—W P Reynolds, B Hulbs. 20—F H Mitchell. 22—D T Secor, H Folger, J J Kilby, B L Northcott. 29—L A

Purdy W A Courson, R B Macklam. 31—W Fishley. 34—Jas Templeton. 38—J E Baker, R A Sansom, J F Spaulsbury. 42—W Joiner. 43—R C West, L E Edward. 47—Geo W Bolton, C L Potts. 50—J P Stapleton. 55—I H Wickware, H S Ferguson. 57—E J Duffey, H Railston. 61—W E Robson, T Brown. 62—J B Munro. 64—A f G Stroyan. 65—W DePodesta, F G Lee, W P Henderson. 69—G W Kerr, R Bennett, A Chard jun. J Duncan, T Searles, W P Chard. 73—T F Harrison. 75—J C Silver, J H Lowe, J E Snider. 76—E H Smale. 77—C H Begg, C Reeves. 78—W Morris. 79—W Ellis, B Kilborn. 85—E C Sliter. 46—H W Joselin. 87—J Reesor, D Johnson. 88—Jas Ireton. 90—Geo Glover, N J Cole, J L Cox. 92—W Newman. 93—C Poulton, J Fair, T Bradley, T Morgan, J Crozier, H A Macintosh. 94—O C Preffer, F E Shepard. 96—M Burton. 97—O Cuthbertson. 100—Thos Millington, T Cowie. 103—M W Tufford, A A McMaugh, R W Lawrie. 107—J D O'Neil, J Davis, E Davis. 110—A Jordan. 113—R W Trotter. 121—G W Elliott, W F Templer. 126—H Sinclair, S S Coch. 129—B Richardson, H G Graham. 133—T A Brown. 135—J T Chisholm. 137—R Petch. 141—W P Kerr. 142—J W A Kirk. 154—P Downham, W H Atkinson, G W Hodgins. 155—W J Hall. 156—H E Webster, E A Macdonald. 157—W H Roison. 161—A M Sanborne. 164—N Searls. 168—Jos A McCargar. 169—A Schell. 171—Humphrey. 177—J Pushman. 178—G A Mitchell. 185—T Rundle, J Parker, P Gokie, F B Skinner, R Campbell, D Smith. 185—W Young. 186—N G Ross. 194—John Scott. 200—W Currie. 201—H Capes, A Edwards, S F Lloyd. 209a—Geo McCombe. 212—Jas Horne. 216—W J Allen, R B Henry, W Parsons. 218—T Greenwood. 219—L Auld. 220—G Hobson, T Magrattan, T McGratton, W Hogg. 221—J McDonald, J Weck, J T Winslow. 224—J Dyer. 229—C Smedley. 230—G Moore. 252—N Talman, A McEachern. 237—Chas Thornthwaite. 242—J Stewart. 247—R Kidney, E W Wood, A S King. 254—A Coulthurst. 263—A McPherson, W H Harrison. 263—Samuel D Cairns. 269—F A Beaton, S B Lynde. 272—Jas Field. 276—F Landes, W G Morrison. 277—M Henry. 284—T Kirkcound. 287—Jas Metcalfe, S D Allen. 294—D T Elder. 300—J Henderson. 316—D C Fraser. 329—J O Gathoun. 322—H W Robertson, J Ward, P W Sabieton, J A Whiteside, G A Ross. 324—G T Simpson. 334—J W McKeown. 336—W E Lee. 339—D Hunter jun, G R Moore, A J Jackson, D Hunter sen, J C Tilt, J H Westman, W J Gilbert, J K Leslie, W Russell. 343—J Spalding. 346—R E Clarke, G A Shields. 347—A H Halliday, J B Wkie. 348—J M Craigie, W M Thompson. 354—R C Brundon. 356—J M Sutton, S Mitchell. 357—W Dockings. 358—W Alf Guest, H C Garnett. 360—S C D Roper. 361—W J Sparkman, F B Skinner, H McGuire. 377—R Hodgins, T Hobbs, H J M Wilson. 368—W R Gardner. 370—E O Collinson. 376—Geo Turner. 378—A Loughney. 380—S A Stinson, M Baldwin, W D Gloghton, J Paterson. 384—W J Foster, W Shields. 396—W McEwan. 399—J W Cornish. 401—Jas. Cameron. 402—W Betcone. 402—W C Armstrong. 410—T C Robinette, C C Tilley, C T Strong, J W Curry. 412—S J Maguire, S W Berry. 415—A H Chase. 418—J D Robertson. 420—J. Holditch, W Hepburn. 424—D Aman, W F Vanstone. 426—Alex Hay. 427—W R Griffith, J A Austin, W Blewitt. 430—W H Lucas.

In Memoriam.

Most Worshipful Brother

JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec;
Past D. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Grand
Representative.

Died 12th August, 1899.

Most Worshipful Brother

JAMES E. EDMISTON

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington;
Grand Representative.

Died 9th May, 1900.

Right Worshipful Brother

HUMPHREY MINCHIN, M.B.

Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Died 8th January, 1900.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN E. BROOKE

Past Master of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham ;
P. D. D. G. M. London District.

Died 4th October, 1899.

Right Worshipful Brother

ROBERT MACKAY

Past Master of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas ;
P. D. D. G. M. London District, (then) No. 2.

Died 23rd December, 1899.

Right Worshipful Brother

R. H. COLLINS

Past Master of Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter ;
P. D. D. G. M. South Huron District, No. 4.

Died 1st March, 1900.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

C. R. CHURCH, M. D.

Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa;
P. D. D. G. M. Ottawa District (then) No. 13.

Died 20th April, 1900.

Right Worshipful Brother

REV. VINCENT CLEMENTI,
B. A.

Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro ;
Past Grand Chaplain.

Died 16th October, 1899.

In Memoriam.

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES J. BUCKLEY

Past Master of Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetang;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 18th August, 1899.

Very Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM MELROSE

Past Master of Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 19th February, 1900.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1900-1901.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford.....London

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. John E. Harding. Q.C.....Lindsay

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D.D.	Blenheim	Erie	District No. 1
" Albert W. Parks	Oil Springs	St. Clair	" 2
" John Thornecroft	Lambton	London	" 3
" D. E. Monro	Auburn	South Huron	" 4
" James H. Scott	Kincardine	North Huron	" 5
" James Smiley	Paris	Wilson	" 6
" Wm. Cowan	Galt	Wellington	" 7
" Wm. Birrell	Hamilton	Hamilton	" 8
" Alvin Orton	Bradford	Georgian	" 9
" T. A. Simpson	Beamsville	Niagara	" 10
" W. H. McFadden	Brampton	Toronto West	" 11
" H. J. Gould	Uxbridge	Toronto East	" 11a
" G. H. Linton	Orono	Ontario	" 12
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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1900.

Report on Correspondence.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand
Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

The Committee on Correspondence beg to present their annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges. The jurisdictions are noticed in alphabetical order, and a list will be found at the end of the report. The Grand Lodge of Arkansas had no meeting in 1899, as they meet biennially for a few years. All the other North American Grand Lodges are reviewed, and several of the Australian.

There are no very striking episodes to report. The repeal of the obnoxious "Negro" resolutions by the Grand Lodge of Washington has been accepted by some of the United States jurisdictions as sufficient to enable them to resume fraternal intercourse with that Grand Lodge, but there are others to whom it is not satisfactory on account of the rider attached to the repeal insisting on the right of the lodges in Washington to determine for themselves the status of all who may apply for admission, irrespective of the action of other bodies.

The Craft in general is very prosperous, pursuing the even tenor of its way, spreading the blessings of peace and concord in every direction, teaching its members to observe more faithfully the Golden Rule, developing the doctrine of unity in the prosecution of good works, and comforting the widow, the orphan and the needy by practical benevolence and unfailing sympathy. May it long continue.

ALABAMA.

79th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1899.

B. Dudley Williams, G.M.

After recounting his official visits, the Grand Master says:

Exactng professional duties have prevented my acceding to the urgent invitations of many Lodges to visit them. I have done the very best possible, and the brethren who have so cordially insisted upon my presence, have assurance of my heartfelt appreciation of their kindly consideration. Wherever I have gone I have invariably found the brethren zealous and enthusiastic in behalf of the Order, and one has but to put his ear to the great bosom of Masonry in Alabama to catch the heart-throbs of a reanimated and reconstructed Brotherhood, more powerful than the hosts of Sennacherib and nobler than Knights of Roman Eagle.

We also quote the conclusion of this eloquent address:

Finally, brethren, under the inspiration of a reconsecrated zeal, of a reanimated devotion, of an intensified love, let us take courage, and press onward to nobler heights and grander achievements. Our Institution rests upon the broad foundation of human sympathies. Its objects are through the inculcation and practice of God-given virtues to raise the fallen, cheer the faint, help the needy and lift man back to glory and to God. With heart to heart, and hand to back, an invincible army, with the banners of peace and the weapons of innocence, with Love as our motto, and Fidelity as our captain, let us charge the entrenchments of avarice, oppression and greed. Let a spirit of helpfulness and consideration, of sympathy, charity and benevolence, nerve our hearts and animate our impulses. Our aims are noble, our mission is grand, our hope is eternal. Let us unite and labor to advance the principles of our glorious institution. Let Fraternity mould our action. Let us live the lives of true Masons, until Masonry and its blessed influence shall permeate every worthy home. "Let the hills sing to the valleys and the rivers to the plains, our anthems of brotherly love. From the vine-clad banks of the Tallapoosa to the gushing fountains of the Tombigbee; from the crystal bosom of the Tennessee, mirroring the craggy spurs of the Blue Ridge, to the whispering waves of the great Mexican Gulf; from the dizzy, historic heights of Lookout, to the nodding pines and scented orange groves of the South; all over our beloved, heaven-favored commonwealth, let the blessed benedictions of Masonry fall upon suffering sin-cursed humanity, "like the dew drops that fall from the eyelids of the morning to moisten the lips of the roses," until vice and immorality, suffering and destitution, shall give place to the beauties of virtue and rejoicings of contentment.

O then will the chorus be mighty and wide:
Alabama redeemed! Alabama, our pride!
In thy green sunny pastures there's naught to molest;
Alabama, we love thee, and "here we will rest!"

The following report was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence relating to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its last annual communication, in rescinding certain resolutions theretofore adopted by that Grand Body, with reference to the status of certain negroes claiming to be regularly made Masons, beg leave to report, after careful consideration of the matter submitted to us.

We are constrained to the conclusion that while the Grand Lodge of Washington has in terms rescinded the resolutions which were offensive to this Grand Lodge, and which caused the severance of fraternal relations between us and that Grand Body, it has accompanied the act of rescission with declarations which plainly and pointedly indicate that it is of "the same opinion still," and further that it proposes to uphold any Lodge within its jurisdiction in acting on the spirit of the resolutions in the recognition of persons as regular Masons whom this Grand Lodge in common with other Grand Lodges has expressly declared to be clandestine; and that by the adoption of these declarations it has destroyed the force of the mere formal act of rescission, and therefore has failed to remove the real cause which has given offense.

Resolved, 1st. That, in view of existing conditions, this Grand Lodge "does not see its way clear" to revoke, at this time, its action in withdrawing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.

2. That reaffirming our former action in this behalf we desire the Grand Lodge of Washington and all other Grand Bodies to distinctly understand that we sincerely desire to preserve and perpetuate fraternal relations with them all, and to this end are ready at any future time to rescind our action with reference to the Grand Lodge of Washington whenever we can do so without a sacrifice of a principle which we deem essential to the purity of our order, and to the protection and preservation of true Masonic principles, usages and landmarks.

The Grand Secretary reports that at no time has there ever been greater zeal and enthusiasm among the Craft in this State than exists now. More work has been done than in any previous year.

Bro. W. Y. Titcomb presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of 1898 are fraternally noticed.

Lodges, 377; members, 11,291; decrease, 54.

B. Dudley Williams (Oxford), G.M.

H. Clay Armstrong (Montgomery), G.S.

ARIZONA.

18th Communication, Tucson, Nov. 14. 1899.

Anthony A. Johns, G.M.

The lodges are greatly prospering and their high standard of excellence is maintained.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge dues were remitted of their soldiers and Rough Riders while on service.

A lodge at Nogales on the frontier of Mexico, makes the following complaint:

Ermilion G. Canton Lodge, of Nogales, Sonora, some three months ago, requested the use of our Lodge room, for the purpose of organizing a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Dieta Simbolica of the State of Sonora, and we, as a Masonic courtesy, granted them the use of our Lodge room for that purpose. Some two weeks thereafter, they claimed that they had not perfected their organization, and requested the use of our Lodge room again for one night. This we again granted them. At this second meeting they initiated three Entered Apprentice Masons, and, we are informed, used our jewels for that purpose—these men whom they initiated being Americans, and residents of Nogales, Arizona, one of whom had been blackballed by our Lodge two or three months previous. As soon as we ascertained what the Sonora Lodge had been doing in Arizona, we refused them further use of our Lodge rooms, upon the grounds:

First. That they had no right to meet as Masons within this jurisdiction, without a charter from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and, if that theory be true, they would be clandestine Masons; and,

Secondly. That they had no right to confer the degrees upon persons living within the jurisdiction of Arizona, without obtaining a waiver from us.

After this they secured quarters on the Mexican side of the line and proceeded to pass to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raise, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the three persons above mentioned, since which time they have again applied for the use of our Lodge room, and again have been refused, upon the same grounds.

As soon as Nogales Lodge, No. 11, learned of this action on the part of the Mexican Lodge, the matter was taken up, and the Master and Secretary instructed to communicate with E. Pelaez (who was then in our city), the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona to the Grand Dieta Simbolica de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, and protest against such action on the part of the Mexican Lodge. Bro. Pelaez then requested the Master and Secretary to address him a communication, stating the facts, which we did, and which he, in turn, forwarded to the City of Mexico to the Grand Lodge; whereupon

the Grand Lodge ordered that the person whom we had blackballed and who had been made a Master Mason by the Mexican Lodge, be suspended.

This is a full report of the proceedings thus far.

Now, therefore, we most earnestly beseech you to take up the matter with the Gran Dieta Simbolica, through our Representative, Bro. E. Pelaez, of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, to the end that the jurisdictional lines may be preserved and clearly defined, and that these three persons above mentioned be expelled from the Nogales, Sonora Lodge, as otherwise, we will soon have knocking at our doors, demanding admission as Masons, men whom we do not believe are, or can be made into, good Masons.

Living on the border line may have its advantages for some, but one good brother finds that it has its disadvantages as well.

I, A. Bachelier, the undersigned, respectfully represent that I am a Mason in good standing; that I was such on the 23rd day of July, A.D. 1893; that on the said day of July, 1893, John Roberts was a member of the same lodge to which I belonged, and was an active peace officer at Nogales, Arizona, all of which I knew; that the said John Roberts, acting in his official capacity, attempted to arrest some parties who had commenced a fight near the international line; that said parties resisted arrest and began beating said Roberts, who called on me to assist him. When I was running to his assistance one of the parties broke away and ran in the same direction from which I was coming. I seized him and he fell, part of his body being in Mexico.

Bro. Roberts arrested him and he was placed in jail, but was released on the following morning and passed over the line into his own country.

The Mexican authorities—on information from whom I do not know—filed a charge against me of having violated their law in having arrested a Mexican citizen in their own country and forcing him into the United States. This charge is still pending, and since the said 23rd of July, 1893, I have been deterred from crossing the line, to the great detriment of my business, and myself and family suffer thereby, as every malicious person can speak of me as a violator of the law.

In going to the assistance of Bro. Roberts, I did so in obedience to my obligation as a Mason, and yet for six years and four months this cloud has rested upon me and my family. I did no wrong, as it has never been substantiated that the party arrested by Bro. Roberts was at the time in Mexico. I cannot appeal to the courts of Mexico for justice, as prejudice would operate against me, for having once alleged that my act was in violation of their law; they would not be willing to admit their error.

The influence of our Order can remove this unjust oppression which weighs upon me, and I appeal to your Body to take some action in my behalf therein.

Any committee appointed to investigate the matter can be

satisfied of the correctness of my statements and can ascertain that no culpability attaches to me.

I make this appeal to your Honorable Body because my own Lodge has neglected to pay attention to my appeal in the same matter.

A. BACHELIER.

I hereby certify that I am a Mason in good standing; that I am well acquainted with Bro. Bachelier, whose petition is hereto attached; that he is an honorable, upright man, and that his statement hereto attached is correct. This I certify from absolute knowledge, as I was the attorney employed by the Mexican authorities to defend the arrested man referred to by Bro. Bachelier, and it has never been determined whether the greater part of the party's body at the time of his arrest was in the United States or Mexico.

EB. WILLIAMS.

Nogales, Arizona, November 4, 1899.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Nogales Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M.:

Your committee, duly appointed to investigate the complaint of Bro. A. Bachelier in respect to his being unable to cross the international line into Mexico for fear of arrest on account of his having assisted our deceased brother, John Roberts, when City Marshal, to arrest an offender against the law on or near the boundary line when called upon by him to do so, beg leave to report that they have given much attention to the matter and made many inquiries, and find that there is reason to believe that Bro. Bachelier may be arrested should he cross into Mexico, under the Mexican officials' views of the matter; and inasmuch as our laws, and especially the rules of Masonry, required such action on the part of Bro. Bachelier, and he has not committed any offense for which he should be thus under bar and restraint, to his pecuniary loss and great discomfort of himself and family, therefore this committee recommend that the Lodge respectfully ask that the Grand Lodge of this Territory make representation of the matter to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mexico, and ask their fraternal help to have it placed in the proper light before the proper Mexican authorities, to the end that the local officials of Nogales, Mexico, be instructed to take no action against our brother in relation to the said matter should he enter at any time the borders of our sister republic.

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. A. Bachelier, would respectfully report thereon:

That it appears from the petition and accompanying papers that Bro. Bachelier has unintentionally subjected himself to some form of punishment at the hands of the authorities of the Republic of Mexico; that, further, there seems to be reasonable doubt as to the actual situation where the alleged act was performed; and, further yet, that whatever was done by

Bro. Bachelier was prompted by humane purpose, and, as he believed, under the stress of Masonic demand.

We would recommend that a full statement of the facts, with copies of all pertinent documents, be prepared by the Grand Secretary and forwarded through the proper channels to the Gran Dieta Simbolica de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, respectfully requesting that Grand Body to consider the same, and, if deemed advisable by them, that they solicit relief at the hands of the national authorities of the Republic of Mexico.

Lodges, 14; members, 735; increase, 34.

William F. Nichols (Willcox), G.M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G.S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

28th Communication, Kamloops, June 22, 1899.

David Wilson, G.M.

New lodges were opened at Greenwood, Sandon and Fort Steele, all in the Kootenay District.

Progress and prosperity are reported from almost all the lodges.

The Grand Master has the following remarks on the necessity of the perusal of Masonic literature.

The admirable suggestion about the introduction of Masonic literature into the Lodge rooms, made by the R.W. Bro. Young in his report (printed in the Proceedings of 1898) has not, I trust, been lost sight of by those who, during the year, have been casting about for some means of keeping alive or arousing that interest on which the real success of a Lodge so much depends.

No one can doubt, as suggested by Bro. Young, the establishment, in connection with every Lodge, of a reading room, equipped with suitable Masonic and other literature, would be of incalculable benefit to its members, but such an undertaking would hardly be possible, except in the larger centers of population. There is, however, something that every Lodge can do in this direction—it can subscribe for a few first-class Masonic Journals and Magazines, and have some brother read aloud in Lodge the choice pieces of literature always found in them. Indeed, our own proceedings would furnish some interesting material for this purpose. These readings could be arranged for the meetings when there is "no work," or little business of any kind. I will go further and say that every member should subscribe for a Masonic paper of some kind, for "if we would keep up with the age, we must think, and in order to have subject for thought, we must read."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presented a capital re-

port on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1898 has a good notice.

Lodges, 27; members, 1639; increase, 300.

R. Eden Walker (New Westminster), G.M.

W. J. Quinlan (Nelson), G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

50th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 10. 1899.

Frank M. Angellotti, G. M.

Their Masonic Home was opened in March, 1899, and in September there were 37 inmates. The Superintendent in his report says:

Space will permit of particular mention of but a few of the more notable of their achievements. Bro. Chambers has been diligent in keeping things in order in the men's building, and has regularly cleaned the windows and the large lounging hall. He has gladly assumed the duties of anyone else who happened to be ill. Bro. Siddons, although unavoidably handicapped by a late start, has worked faithfully with the garden, which his intelligent care has rendered so productive that we have had to rely but little upon the outside world for our vegetables. Our potatoes and our corn crop were hoed and harvested entirely by our residents. The orchard was pruned by Bro. Jackson. Bro. Pendleton also has proven himself an industrious and conscientious worker. A carpenter and millwright by trade, he has been of great service to the institution. Aside from the carpentering he has done, he has won the commendation of everybody by the skilful and competent manner in which he assisted in the construction of our new sewer.

Nor have our sisters been idle. Under the direction of our efficient and esteemed Matron, they have made, since the Home was opened, 16 felts for tables, 3 dozen table covers, 30 dozen napkins, 6 dozen roller towels, 6 dozen dish towels, 4 dozen glass towels, 12 dozen sheets, 12 dozen pillow cases, 2 dozen drawers, 5 skirts, 10 dresses, 20 night dresses and 12 aprons. Assisted by our sisters who peeled and cut the fruit, Mrs. Aikin has canned for winter use 24 dozen quarts of peaches, 12 dozen quarts of apricots, 12 dozen quarts of pears, 12 dozen quarts of strawberries, 12 dozen quarts of blackberries and 15 dozen jars of currant jelly. (Besides all this the old ladies have willingly mended and patched for the men and the children. To Sister Siddons in especial is due our grateful recognition of her unselfish and valuable assistance to the Matron.)

It is proper to say here that we have at no time encouraged our residents to undertake any tasks that would jeopardize their health by requiring too great an exertion of their energies. But it is obviously essential to the preservation of their

self-respect, their peace of mind, and their health of body, that their laudable desire to do something useful at the expense of a little salutary physical exertion should not be discouraged.

With the children the case is somewhat different. No child likes to work; yet it were greatly to injure children, who must in a few years earn a livelihood for themselves, to permit them to enter the world unaccustomed to any other exercises than those of the play-ground. Our children are required, therefore, to make themselves useful in a small way, care being always taken to allow them by far the greater part of their time for play and reading. We are careful, also, to apportion their several duties according to their abilities. They assist in waiting on table, and in washing and drying the dishes. Some make beds, some sweep and clean the dormitories, others the wash-rooms, others the reading-rooms. On Saturdays they sweep the dining room and scrub the porches and the main hall. These duties are light and are such as may be easily and quickly performed by children; they occupy but little of their time, and offer this inducement to assiduity and promptness that the sooner they are completed the more time the children have for recreation.

All our children attend the public schools at Decoto, where their teachers report they are making very satisfactory progress. A Sunday School has been established at the Home, under the direction of the Matron and Sister Kempthorn, and various clergymen have accepted our invitation to visit the Home on Sundays and expound the Scriptures to the residents. We have already been favored with Sunday addresses by Dr. Jacob Voorsanger, of San Francisco, and the Rev. Dr. Hale, of Niles. Through the generosity of Bro. Charles L. Patton, a gymnasium has been started in the large playroom of the main basement. A sewing class has been instituted for the benefit of the girls, and we hope soon to establish classes in kindergarten work, drawing, elocution, music, floriculture, photography, millinery, cooking, chemistry, hygiene, and nursing, and also in bookkeeping, typewriting and carpentering. We have arranged for a series of Stereopticon Lectures for the edification and amusement of our residents. A donation of over 500 volumes by the 'Mechanics' Library of San Francisco has formed the nucleus of a library at the Home. We have also the promise of many more books from our brethren. There are among our children many bright minds, and when the Home is full there will doubtless be many more, whose greatest usefulness in the world will be found in serving their fellowmen in the professions had they but an opportunity to secure a higher education. As it is to be hoped that the magnanimity of our brethren will ultimately afford generous endowments for this purpose.

IMPROVEMENTS.

High among the verdant foothills of the coast range, overlooking the fertile valley of the Santa Clara, stands the enduring monument of the charity of California Masons. A more

commanding, or a more beautiful site could hardly have been selected. The buildings, stately and symmetrical, look down impressively upon the beholders for miles below. Within, these edifices are elaborately equipped and elegantly furnished with all things conducive to the comfort and conveniences of their occupants.

A per capita tax of \$1 per year is levied on the membership for the benefit of the Home.

Bro. William A. Davies again reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1898.

Lodges, 267; members, 20,442; increase, 900.

Charles L. Patton (San Francisco), G.M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

39th Communication, Denver, Sept. 19, 1899.

Horace T. De Long, G.M.

The Craft as a whole is in a very prosperous condition. Three new lodges were formed.

Bro. Adna Adams Treat has completed the 102nd year of his age.

Three Custodians of the work were appointed to act as a permanent committee of the Grand Lodge, and to make an annual report.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf has an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1898 finds a place. On the subject of the physical qualifications of candidates, he publishes the following letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan, from which it may be inferred that the Grand Lodge of England does not require a candidate to be 'a perfect Youth.'

Dunscore, Torquay, England, Feb. 11th, 1899.

Dear Bro. Greenleaf:

In consideration of the subject of "Physical Qualifications," in your able "Report on Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Colorado," and my article thereon in "Proceedings Grand Lodge of Manitoba," you observe:

"Bro. Hughan in his letter intimates that the law has been ignored since the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717. * * The burden of proof, therefore, rests with those who contend that the physical requirement belonged to the operative Craft, and that it has no place in speculative Masonry."

In reply, allow me to point out that the so-called "Charges of a Freemason," as arranged by Dr. Anderson and printed in the premier "Book of Constitutions" of A. D. 1723, never ex-

isted before, but substantially the one in question as to physical qualifications occurred in all the veritable "Old Charges" of the Operative Fraternity, as I explain fully in my two works on the subject, 1872 and 1895.

Now it is an undoubted fact, from 1723 to the present time, that the Grand Lodge of England has never accepted these "Charges" as possessing any legislative authority or as representing the laws for the government of the modern Brotherhood,* but only as indicative of the obsolete "Old Charges" of the operative regime. With occasional alterations the "Charges" of 1722 have been inserted in all our Books of Constitutions from 1723 to 1896, but never as Regulations passed for the guidance and control of the Craft.

This being so, it is clear that these "Charges" are simply and exclusively intended as specimens, archaeologically considered, of the usages and customs of the society anterior to the Grand Lodge era, but which, even prior to the last century, were looked upon as obsolete and were not used as obligatory laws, as formerly.

"Free-born" has been altered to "free-men" by the Grand Lodge of England—one indication that the "Charges" were not considered binding, and, as a matter of fact, no Grand Lodge accepts (or ever has) these "Charges" in their entirety, because unworkable. Wardens were to be selected from Fellow Crafts, Masters must have served as Wardens, and honest parentage was a condition of initiating a candidate. Even the age of admission has been altered, and other serious changes might be cited.

Above all, the "Old Charges" before 1717, and even for some time after, as circulated, required all candidates for Freemasonry to be Christians. Dr. Anderson altered that condition in his fanciful digest, and the Grand Lodge accepted his summary to insert before the Laws that the members agreed to, doubtless because they intended that the Craft should no longer be confined to that narrow basis.

With all good wishes, fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

*The "Atholl Masons" appear to have adopted the "physical qualification" in part, from 1756 or so, and then introduced the usage into America; but the Freemasonry in your great country prior to that period, and all since obtained from the premier Grand Lodge, was never so ordered, required or used by the Grand Lodge regulations that were for actual legislative objects.

Lodges, 91; members, 7,974; increase, 369.

Alphonse A. Burnand (Leadville), G.M.

Ed. C. Parmelee (Denver), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

112th Communication, Hartford, Jan. 17, 1900.

George G. McNall, G.M.

The condition of the lodges is satisfactory, and their prosperity is in a great measure due to the efforts of the District Deputies.

Two of their Past Grand Masters crossed the silent river during the past year, Bros. Dwight Phelps and James H. Welsh.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The following report was adopted:

"A candidate when obligated becomes a brother Mason, and in the opinion of your Committee, the ground of objection to advancement should be lack of sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees or if made upon ground of moral unfitness, or un-Masonic conduct, such objections should only be used temporarily until proper charges can be brought against the brother seeking advancement and he can be heard in his defense.

Their Masonic Home at Wallingford has 51 inmates.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews the proceedings of Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 109; members, 17,446; increase, 214.

John O. Rowland (New Haven), G.M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G.S.

DELAWARE.

93rd Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 4, 1899.

J. Harmer Rile, G.M.

Peace and harmony abound throughout the jurisdiction, and the lodges are all enjoying prosperity. The Grand Master ruled that the petition of a hotel clerk could be accepted, provided that his duties did not require him to sell liquor.

In the future Commissions to Grand Representatives are to be issued for an unlimited time, or during the pleasure of the Grand Master, and not for only three years as heretofore.

On the Negro question, the following resolution was adopted, the Grand Lodge evidently considering that the Grand Lodge of Washington, after repealing their Negro resolutions, stands on the same ground as before.

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master of Delaware, Bro. J. Harmer Rile, in issuing an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, until this Communication of the Grand Lodge, be approved; and that the said edict be continued in force by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware until the Grand Lodge of Washington shall an-

nul her action with regard to the legitimacy of Negro Masonry, and their right to organize Lodges and Grand Lodges within the jurisdiction of existing Grand Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1898, Bro. L. H. Jackson gives the amounts expended by our Committee on Benevolence, and then says:

A record of charity worthy of Grand Lodge, and a sum greater, perhaps, according to income, than that given by any other Grand Lodge in the world. We have frequently noted with extreme pleasure and admiration the large-heartedness of the truly Masonic charity of our brethren of Canada.

Lodges, 21; members, 2235; increase, 59.

William W. Black, Jr. (Laurel), G.M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G.S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

89th Communication, Washington, Nov. 8, 1899.

John H. Small, Jr., G.M.

Material progress has been made in the direction of building the new Masonic Temple. A site has been purchased at a cost of about \$50,000, the funds being supplied by contributions and the proceeds of the Fair held in April, 1898.

In the exercise of his prerogative of making a Mason at sight, the Grand Master conferred the degrees on Admiral Schley.

An amendment to the Constitution to allow Past Grand Masters to have individual votes in Grand Lodge was negatived by a vote of 62 to 86.

A proposal to consider the formation of a General Grand Lodge was also voted down.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1898. On Masonry in Mexico, he says:

Since our last report we have received a communication from another "United Grand Lodge of Mexico," at Vera Cruz; also, a paper from the Supreme Council of Mexico, and if Masonry is not in a "terrible tangle," we do not know what to call the condition in that country. We have held our breath for several years in great hopes that matters would soon find their level and good would come out of the turmoil, but since Secretary Canton's death we opine that the soul of the Grand Dieta will soon depart.

Lodges, 25; members, 5579; increase, 267.
 William G. Henderson (Washington), G.M.
 William R. Singleton (Washington), G.S.

ENGLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication held in London on Dec. 6, 1899, the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master, was in the chair. The sum of one thousand guineas was voted to the Transvaal War Fund. Part of the discussion on the motion is interesting:

The Deputy Grand Master: Brethren—In the absence of Sir Reginald Hanson, P. G. W., I venture to ask you to allow me to move the resolution which stands in his name, and, if I may say so, I think the resolution is of such importance that I am sure it will have the support and sympathy of the whole Masonic body throughout this country, because it conveys in a practical way the universal support, I trust, of all. Had we the great honor and privilege of the presence of the Grand Master amongst us this evening, I feel certain that such a resolution as this would have been moved by His Royal Highness himself. Of course it is open to any one to say whether you approve of the distribution of this sum of one thousand guineas in the way in which it is proposed, but I am quite certain I am echoing the sentiments of all in this room when I move this resolution:

That the sum of one thousand guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to be paid over to the Mansion House Transvaal War Fund for distribution in the following proportions:

Four hundred guineas for the wives and children of those serving in South Africa.

Two hundred guineas for the widows and orphans.

Two hundred guineas for the sick and wounded.

Two hundred guineas for the disabled soldiers and sailors.

I feel that the heart of every Mason is with our brave soldiers who are fighting for our country at the present moment. I have great pleasure in moving this resolution that stands in Sir Reginald Hanson's name, and I will ask the Acting Deputy Grand Master to second it.

R. W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M. P., Acting Deputy Grand Master: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—I have great pleasure in seconding this motion. It is one which will especially appeal to the hearts of all Masons, who are always anxious to take part in and to support any charitable fund arising out of any distress. This is a motion, I am sure, that commends itself to the hearts of all Masons throughout the country, and I hope that it will meet with universal approbation.

V. W. Brother R. D. M. Littler, Q.C., P. Dep. Grand Registrar: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—No one will

suppose, I am sure, that in proposing an amendment to this motion in Grand Lodge I wish in any way to oppose the amount which is to be given; on the contrary I should not have objected if the amount proposed to Grand Lodge had been ten times as much. The only amendment I have to propose is as to the distribution of the fund, and I wish you to consider how this sum should be laid out. There is very considerable difficulty to be encountered with regard to the way in which the various Transvaal funds should be appropriated. Every one of the soldiers, sailors, and officers who have left this country for the front have left behind them some sort of a home, however humble it may be, but the question arises whether some part should not be appropriated to those who have lost their homes in the Colonies. Our brethren in Natal have been losing their homes and farms, and have also taken up arms and been a great power, and, I believe, are the means of saving the people of this country, and I think if we were to overlook our brethren in Natal who are making every effort for this country, if they were not to take part in our charity, when this fact reaches them out there it will have a great effect upon them. There I think it would be of great advantage if they were to be allowed to take part in the reception of this fund. There may be some difficulty as to how it is to be appropriated, and how far the Mansion House Fund can be associated in this object. I venture to think we might make an important alteration in the terms of the motion, and I would venture to move, "That the sum of One Thousand Guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to the Transvaal War Fund, and that it be referred to the Board of Benevolence for distribution to such Transvaal War Fund, and in such proportions as they in their discretion may think fit." That would enable the Board to see how the funds stand. At present some fund for Natal only reaches the miserable amount of £5,000, and I think we should ear-mark our contribution. A good many suggestions have been made, but I do feel very strongly indeed that when we have so many funds—I do not make invidious comparisons—but I consider that when those people are doing so much good in Natal we should show how we appreciate what they are doing. When their farms are lost and their homes are gone we should do our share in assisting them. I beg to propose the amendment.

V. W. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P. G. Chaplain: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—I have great pleasure in seconding the amendment, because I consider that no distinction should be made whether the widows of soldiers were married on the strength or not.

W. Brother Lennox Browne, P. Dep. G. D. of C.: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—I feel that we should recognize the services of all these people and not create any dissension among them. I would ask that this resolution be passed, and I should leave the distribution entirely in the hands of the Board of Benevolence.

V. W. Brother R. D. M. Littler, Q. C.: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—The amendment I propose is in these

terms: That the sum of One Thousand Guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to the Board of Benevolence for distribution to such Transvaal War Funds and in such proportions as they in their discretion may think fit.

W. Brother J. Emilius Le Feuvre, Past Grand Deacon: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—I support it. There are very many wives and widows who are not recognized as such by the authorities, and I am sure that Grand Lodge will not be satisfied unless this fund is distributed for the relief of distress of those who are not formally on the establishment. I would ask if words could not be added in order to designate carefully what we mean by “wives and widows”—what we tonight understand by the phrase. What we intend is, all those relatives of soldiers who are not on the establishment. There is no necessity to propose a rider with the specific words, but if that is the understanding of Grand Lodge I am perfectly satisfied.

Brother the Rev. F. M. Bethune Norman-Lee: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master—May I call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the claim of one class which has hardly been recognized as yet? I plead on behalf of the wives and widows of the officers. I know you will say at once that we Masons can have no class distinctions; we are Freemasons and we recognize everyone as an equal and as entitled to help whether he be an officer or a private, and the wife or widow whether she is an officer's or a soldier's. We know of the dire straits which the wives and widows of young officers are in. We know that Col. Gildea has started a special fund for the wives and widows of officers who have gone forth to fight the battle of their country. I can tell you of personal cases of ladies brought up in every luxury who have been left in great need and who know hardly how they shall go on. It is on behalf of these that I appeal that some small portion of this munificent donation shall go to them. The soldiers, too, will be glad to have a portion of this given to the officers' widows. If you can see your way to let officers' widows and wives, who are in distress, participate in this fund, I think it would be right.

The Deputy Grand Master: I rather gather from the amendment which was moved and seconded that it meets with general approval. I think it should be left to the consideration of the Board of Benevolence as to how the fund should be distributed. I think also in sending this fund the Grand Secretary might point out that we wish it to be also for the widows and wives and orphans not on the strength. (Hear, hear). I think I am right in interpreting your views in this way. I certainly think there should be no class distinction and at the Board of Benevolence that will, no doubt, be considered in sending the sum up to the Mansion House Fund. I have, therefore, no hesitation in withdrawing my motion, and I put the amendment: “That the sum of One Thousand Guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to the Transvaal War Fund, and that it be referred to the Board of Benevo-

lence for distribution to such Transvaal War Fund, and in such proportions as they in their discretion may think fit."

FLORIDA.

71st Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 16, 1900.

Silas B. Wright, G.M.

In the excellent address of the Grand Master we find the following:

In Free Masonry, as in other relations in life, practice is better than precept. It is clear that the Worshipful Master must be what he desires his brethren to become. If he finds a lack of interest or want of life in the lodge, he must set himself to restore it or to infuse new life into the institution. His guiding star in this work will be the oft-proved principle, that "like begets like." Enthusiasm can only be aroused by enthusiasm. I am convinced that in many cases the languishing condition of our lodges is directly traceable to the slack, imperfect and oft-times improper manner in which the officers perform their duties.

It is very unfortunate for Masonry that there are a few brethren who think that they must be funny and attempt jokes at the candidate. They delight in approaching a candidate with remarks which to them are excruciatingly humorous. It is unnecessary to repeat their catch phrases. You all know them. None are new or original, but all are un-Masonic. They tend to destroy in advance the beautiful lessons sought to be conveyed.

The lectures of Free Masonry have been compiled with an earnest desire to impress wise and important truths. To have their serious contemplation burlesqued by thoughtless remarks and inuendo is embarrassing to the candidate and distasteful to the craft in general. The degrees of Masonry are too serious for such attempted witticisms, brethren. See to it that all such remarks are avoided and that all lodge ceremonies are conducted in a manner and spirit to convey the impression sought in the lecture. Let us not be over-anxious to increase our membership, but keep up the standard of requirements that the individual character of our members will reflect credit on our lodges. Mankind will judge us by our standard, and that standard is set by the individual members of the Order.

Four new lodges were organised.

Lodges, 147; members, 4321; increase, 134.

Silas B. Wright (DeLand), G.M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G.S.

GEORGIA.

113th Communication, Macon, Oct. 31, 1899.

William A. Davis, G.M.

Their local law says that in a Masonic trial "near relatives of the accused" cannot vote. The Grand Master was asked to define the term "near relatives," and he did so by invoking the aid of the common law of the land, ruling that a brother related to the accused, to the Fourth Degree, either by consanguinity or affinity, was barred from voting in his case.

A committee was appointed to formulate some plan for the erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home.

A collection was taken up in aid of the Georgia Industrial Home for friendless children, which realized \$224.20.

It was resolved that in future special memorial services should not be held, and that memorial services should be confined to the report of the Committee on Memorials.

The Grand Master urges the importance of united effort in the prosecution of the labors of the hour, and in the conclusion of his brilliant address we find the following paragraph:

In our boast of antiquity and in our pride of ancestry, we are too prone to pause and linger in the lap of the past. We are too prone to rest on the laurels which our forefathers so worthily won. They contended for principles which they defended with their blood. Without a stain upon their escutcheon, they have been committed to our keeping. Duty demands that we should accept the charge, take up the work, and push it to a still greater degree of perfection. We are stupid, indeed, if we are not wiser than our ancestors. We have the accumulated knowledge of years, which they did not possess. If the dead of but fifty years ago could rise from their graves and revisit the earth, they would not understand nor comprehend even the names of the great discoveries in the practicability of steam and electricity, which have circled the world with light, brought communities in closer contact, and made conversational conventions of nations as easy and practical as the assemblage of this Grand Lodge, in which we sit to-day. Therefore the time-conquering engine, the wind-defying ship, the quick-answering wire, are the agencies which God has placed in our hands for the fraternization of the earth, the development of the social relations, and the spread of the Gospel of peace.

Bro. W. S. Ramsey presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1898 receives kind attention.

Lodges, 430 ; members, 19,332 ; increase, 771.

William A. Davis (Macon), G.M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G.S.

IDAHO.

32nd Communication, Boise, Sept. 12, 1899.

George H. Storer, G.M.

The Grand Master reports a prosperous year and he gives the brethren some good advice on the selection of members.

Our Holy and Ancient Order is growing in Idaho as it has never grown before. The strong arm of brotherly love and fraternal greeting is reaching out in every part of the State. As we travel in the northern counties we behold the humble home of the Brother Mason out in the forests and on the farms, and similar conditions exist in the southeastern counties, and here in the western part of the State we again find the homes of our brethren dotted here and there amid the beautiful villages, towns and cities of a populous and prosperous people.

The promise of increased prosperity in the near future exacts from the craft a large measure of caution. The popularity of a fraternal society may easily become a source of danger. Masonry, in this jurisdiction, is growing with sufficient rapidity, and care should be taken in the selection of candidates in order that we do not receive any unworthy material into our sacred institution. We ought to teach more earnestly that those who become Masons do not become so through any personal motives, but to practice its principles and maintain it in its ancient integrity. Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry was originally intended for the few whose intelligence was such as would enable them to appreciate its beauties, and whose morals were such as would enable them to exemplify its virtues. Though not another Mason should ever be made, we should guard our doors securely against those who seek to wear our badge for mercenary purposes and whose daily lives of debauchery, profanity and vulgarity give the lie to their professions of faith in the tenets of our craft.

They have a Grand Lodge Orphan Fund of \$21,960, and an Interest Orphan Fund of \$7,520, out of which relief was granted during the year to the amount of \$894.00.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized.

This Grand Lodge appears to have had some difficulty in carrying out their very stringent rule against non-affiliation, and a further effort is to be made.

Whereas: This Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in 1897, provided, by resolution, that Masons holding dimits

who had not affiliated with any lodge within this jurisdiction, should, within six months from and after the adoption of such resolution, petition the lodge within the jurisdiction of which they reside for affiliation; and in default thereof should be proceeded against even to expulsion; and

Whereas: Said resolution has not been carried into effect through the negligence of the officers of the constituent lodges, now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Grand Master of this jurisdiction be and he is hereby directed to notify each and every Master of the constituent lodges within this jurisdiction that they and each of them must see that said resolution is strictly enforced; and that they must by diligent search and inquiry discover who are non-affiliates within his jurisdiction; and in default of such non-affiliates making application for membership in some lodges within this jurisdiction, require such Master of lodges, under penalty of expulsion, to cause his Junior Warden to at once prefer charges against such dimitted and non-affiliates, and enforce the resolution of the Grand Lodge aforesaid; and in case of refusal or neglect of such Master to carry out said resolution of the Grand Lodge, then the Grand Master shall remove such Master from office; and on default of any lodge to carry out and enforce said resolution, then the Charter of such defaulting lodge shall be arrested by the Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Fred G. Mock. Canada for 1898 has a good notice. In his opening remarks he says:

Our affiliation law has been assailed from every point of view and we have found but few encouraging words from any source. Masonic writers everywhere term it an "unwise and unjust law."

The Grand Lodge of Peru has again returned the Great Light to its altars and there is peace among the American Grand Lodges that recognized them.

The Grand Lodge of Washington has rescinded its action in the matter of "Negro Masonry" and congratulations are due the brethren of our sister on the west for this wise and timely step. I would ask you, therefore, to join with me in singing that soul-stirring melody, "All Coons Look Alike to Me," especially so-called Masons of African descent.

Lodges, 29; members, 1143; decrease, 9.

John C. Muerman (Moscow), G.M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

60th Communication, Chicago, Oct. 3, 1899.

Edward Cook, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master deals in a very able manner with a large number of different matters, as is

necessarily the case in so extensive a jurisdiction. Five Schools of Instruction were held, with an attendance of 952. This method of instruction is much appreciated. A great improvement is noticeable in the work. The Grand Master disapproved of the use of robes and other paraphernalia, and he finds that increased interest and prosperity has resulted from dropping these superfluities. On rotation in office he says:

The custom which formerly prevailed in many lodges of retaining the same brother as Worshipful Master for a dozen years or more, has been followed in many cases, and especially in our larger cities, by the opposite extreme of electing a new Master every year. When one extreme is thus followed by another, it is usually true that both are bad, and the case under consideration forms no exception to this maxim.

The custom first referred to produced a condition of monotony and lethargy, if not of deterioration and dry rot, which was destructive to growth and discouraging to zeal, ambition and effort. It was natural and proper that the doctrine of rotation in office and the laudable desire to give the young men a chance should bring about a reaction, but unhappy this reaction has been carried so far as in turn to call for correction.

When the rule of "advancing the line" regularly every year becomes practically inflexible, the lodge in a large measure loses its right of free choice and becomes a slave to custom. I would not, if I had the power, interfere with the right of every lodge to select its own officers unrestricted save by the laws of the Grand Lodge, but I do desire to emphasize the fact that when a habit or custom such as the one mentioned becomes the dominant factor, the members cease to exercise their constitutional rights and merely register the choice of the Worshipful Master, who years before placed a brother in line by appointing him to a minor office.

One of the detrimental effects of this custom is that it tends to impress upon those in line the idea that the ability to repeat the ritual and go through the regular routine is all that is necessary to qualify them for the highest honor in the gift of the lodge, and the practical result is that every Master becomes a Past Master, just when he begins to get a true conception of the duties of his station. The office of Worshipful Master of a Masonic lodge is a position of trust and honor. To discharge its duties properly should be the laudable ambition of every brother who has been chosen to the place. The ability and experience to perform these duties adequately can come only through study and effort and after the lapse of more time than the custom here criticised permits. To prove this proposition nothing further is needed than the evidence of the Past Masters who have become such through the operation of this rule.

It is to be hoped that the golden mean which will prevent monotonous service on the one hand and break the rule of

annual rotation on the other, can be reached by our lodges through a more general exercise of that freedom of ballot which impels every member to vote for the one he honestly thinks best fitted for the place.

Two of their best beloved Past Grand Masters died during the year, James A. Hawley and Dewitt C. Cregier. We had an unbounded admiration for Bro. Cregier. A seance with him and his Committee on Jurisprudence was the treat of a lifetime. He was the guiding spirit in Grand Lodge for a number of years. His energy was superabundant, his ability was unquestioned and his love for the Craft and for all its members shone forth brightly in all his actions. We can easily understand the love and respect in which he was held by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance and the deep regret manifested at his death. To us it comes as a personal loss.

The Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Macon each received a donation of \$1,000.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins is again in the topical form. On the subject of Mexican Masonry, which he calls "this kaleidascopic hybrid," Bro. Robbins gives numerous extracts from other reports and sums up as follows:

We think no one can go over the ground covered by our symposium on this topic without being impressed with the idea that in Mexico, at least, the Gran Dieta Symbolica is regarded as being on its last legs. The activity of rival bodies claiming to be governing bodies in Symbolic Masonry, the adhesion of the former Grand Master of the Gran Dieta to a seceding and expelled body, and, what is more significant, the recent treaty entered into by the Supreme Council of Mexico and the Grand Lodge having its seat at Vera Cruz—a confession, it seems to us, on the part of the former that the project to give the lodges it had created a recognizable status abroad by uniting them all, directly or indirectly, under one diet, has been a failure—all indicate the general anxiety to make other arrangements.

Circumstances established by reliable witnesses are often better evidence than alleged observed facts from the mouths of others, and it is to be hoped that in this instance circumstances really indicate what they seem to and will not prove as disappointing as everything claiming to be veracious written history originating among Mexican Masons—so-called.

It is a consummation devoutly to be wished that the unlineal, unsavory and uncanny aggregation known as the Gran

Dieta Symbolica, which has queered the perceptions, if not the consciences, of so many American Masons and made them the apologists, if not defenders, of practices which, on the part of a body of known lawful Masons would by common consent place it at once without the pale of the Fraternity, should speedily pass into oblivion.

Still, with its passing the evils which its existence have uncovered rather than created will not be cured. They came to its lodges as a heritage from their former parentage, attracting the attention of the outside world only when the governing body which tolerated or cultivated them attempted by duress to so consolidate its power as to present itself to the Grand Lodges of the world as a supreme governing authority in symbolic Masonry. The attempt of the Grand Diet to demonstrate the exclusiveness of its jurisdiction by coercing unwilling lodges, brought about the disclosures which wrought its ruin.

The explosion did much more than this. It demonstrated to the world that in the alleged Masonry of countries where the Grand Lodge system does not prevail, the men (and women) made in lodges not of Grand Lodge parentage fail of being lawful Masons in something more than a technical sense; that not only are they clandestine when tried by the law which governs the relations of the lodge to the Grand Lodge—the only governing body known to the original plan—but that they are free from the constraint of those landmarks which are rooted in the unwritten law, without which the possession of the individual cannot be identified as Masonry no matter under what rite he has received it.

The passing of the Gran *Dieta*, therefore, will still leave the Masons of the United States confronted with dangers that will require their constant watchfulness, because so long as American Masons have relatives and friends engaged in business in Mexico—and the number will increase from year to year—who for any reasons, business or social, have entangled themselves with the alleged Masonry of that republic, so long will they have advocates on this side of the boundary who will endeavor to give that variegated sodality a recognizable status.

We see no real remedy for this danger but to adopt the suggestions of Bro. Ruckle, of Indiana, and Bro. Eggleston, of Virginia—hinted at also by Bro. Perkins, of Vermont—to regard the republic as open territory, Masonically, as Bro. Eggleston correctly says it is "from any proper standpoint"—for the rival Grand Lodges there existing, and their constituents are all either derived from, or have merged themselves in those representatives of dissent, the supreme councils and the system they administer. No other suggestion has so far been made which promises to give the faction torn jurisdiction on the other side of our southern boundary a "Masonry" which can be recognized by many adherents of the original plan without doing violence to their consciences.

Lodges, 723; members, 55,120; increase, 962.

Charles F. Hitchcock (Peoria), G.M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G.S.

INDIANA.

78th Communication, Indianapolis, May 23, 1899.

Simeon S. Johnson, G.M.

On the subject of the more general perusal of the reports on Correspondence, the following report was adopted:

These reports are by far the most important Masonic educators produced by the press of the present age, and are so recognized to-day by the most distinguished Masonic students and authors of England and the continent of Europe. A Mason who once begins to read them will most anxiously await their annual appearance, and profit by them as he cannot do by any other means. One book from our public libraries is read and returned, and taken out and read, again and again, until hundreds have become familiar with its contents and its teachings. If earnest and zealous Masons would pursue such a course with these Reports, a similar result would be obtained, to the upbuilding and advancement of the Fraternity wherever the practice should prevail. Your committee cannot at this time see any other way to secure the desired end than to recommend this practice with all the force of language at the moment's command.

The use of Ciphers was strongly condemned.

Resolved, That the making, sale, purchase or use of any cipher work in this Grand Jurisdiction is in violation of Masonic usage. Any Worshipful Master who may permit the use or exhibition of, or any reference to, any cipher, key or guide, or any sheet or part of the same, in the lodge room, or allow the same to be used in the instruction of any candidate, and any officer, acting officer or participant in the work, who shall use, exhibit or consult such cipher, key or guide, or any part of the same, in the lodge room, shall be deemed guilty of a Masonic offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be suspended or expelled. The Grand Master is hereby authorized and required, in the exercise of his discretion, after investigation, to suspend the Master of any lodge violating the provisions of this resolution, and further, to suspend the functions of any offending lodge if necessary, to secure the enforcement of this edict, pending due trial or the further orders of this Grand Lodge.

An application for an Army lodge was refused.

P.G.M. Simeon P. Gillett, the faithful representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, assured the Grand Lodge of Indiana that Canadian Freemasons rejoice in the prosperity of the Craft "wheresoever dispersed around the globe."

A copy of McDonald's History of Masonry in Indiana and also a copy of Smythe's Indiana Masonic Law

are to be furnished by the Grand Lodge to each lodge in the jurisdiction free of charge.

Bro. Nicholas R. Ruckle reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1898.

Lodges, 625; members, 30, 901; increase, 947.

William Geake (Fort Wayne), G.M.

William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

26th Communication, Wynnewood, August 8, 1899.

Henry Clay Nash, G.M.

In the address of the Grand Orator we find the following extract from one of the old Lectures, explaining the dedication of lodges to the Holy Saints John:

Q: Our lodges being finished, furnished and decorated with ornaments, furniture and jewels, to whom were they consecrated?

A. To God.

Q. Thank you, brother; and can you tell me to whom they were first dedicated?

A. To Noah, who was saved in the Ark.

Q. And by what name were the Masons then called?

A. Noachidae, Sages, or Wise Men.

Q. To whom were the lodges dedicated during the Mosaic dispensation?

A. To Moses, the chosen of God, and Solomon, the Son of David, King of Israel, who was an eminent patron of the craft.

Q. And under what name were the Masons known during that period?

A. Under the name of Doinysiacs, Geometricians, or Masters in Israel.

Q. But as Solomon was a Jew and died long before the promulgation of Christianity, to whom were they dedicated under the Christian dispensation?

A. From Solomon the patronage passed to St. John the Baptist.

Q. And under what name were they known after the promulgation of Christianity?

A. Under the name of Essenes, Architects or Freemasons.

Q. Why were lodges dedicated to St. John the Baptist?

A. Because he was the forerunner of Christ, and by preaching repentance and humiliation, drew the first parallel of gospel.

Q. Had St. John the Baptist any equal?

A. He had; St. John the Evangelist.

Q. Why is he said to be equal to the Baptist?

A. Because he finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal, and thus drew a second line parallel to the former ever since which time Freemasons' lodges in all Christian

countries have been dedicated to the one or the other or both of these worthy and worshipful men.

They expect to have an Orphans' Home in the near future.

Lodges, 92; members, 3,625; increase, 143.

P. B. Arthur (Leon), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

56th Communication, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

Crom. Bowen, G. M.

No disturbing elements have arisen, peace and harmony prevail, and much work has been done by the lodges. On the subject of non-affiliation the Grand Master has the following very sensible remarks:

The question, however, is, Should we undertake to compel Masons by legislation to retain membership in particular lodges? If we should succeed, would the Order be benefited thereby? We would be the gainer by the amount of the few dollars we have thereby compelled them to contribute, and our annual returns would undoubtedly show a larger gain in membership. But after all, is it worth our while? I take it few there be who thus demit because of an inability to pay dues. I assume that every subordinate lodge would, without the asking, cheerfully remit the dues of all such. The large majority of those becoming non-affiliates are of those who do not believe that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Many, perhaps, became Masons through purely selfish motives, hoping to use it as a stepping-stone to further some ambition, political or otherwise, and becoming convinced of their error, avail themselves of the right to demit; of such a class did the poet write:

"Constant at church and change his gains were sure,
His givings rare, save farthings to the poor.

Such men are no benefit to Masonry, and the individual lodge is in most cases better off without than with them.

What Masonry wants is men who are wedded to the principles and tenets of the Order, men of whom it may be truly said:

"Godlike his unvaried bounty flows
First loves to do, then loves the good he does."

Twenty-five such men banded together would make a better Masonic lodge than half a hundred who, though abundantly able, begrudge the small amount required each year to keep up the expenses of the lodge and meet the demands of charity.

"To stretch the liberal hand
And pour the stream of gladness
O'er mise y's withered strand—
To cheer the heart of sadness—
To dry the orphan's tear
And soothe the heart nigh broken—

To breathe in sorrow's ear
 Kind words in kindness spoken—
 This is the Mason's part
 The Mason's bounden duty,
 This rears the Mason's heart
 In wisdom, strength and beauty."

In this connection it may be said that there is seemingly a growing tendency, to some extent, to draw away from the ancient usages and customs of our institution, and to compete with other and more modern societies for membership.

A proposal to charter a lodge of Iowa Masons in the army at Manila was negatived.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted providing that Grand Officers and officers of subordinate lodges may resign, but no members shall be entitled to the honors of a Past Master until he shall have served one full year as Worshipful Master.

Canada for 1898 receives a kindly notice from Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Chairman of Correspondence.

Lodges, 486; members, 28,430; increase, 369.

Thomas Lambert (Sabula), G.M.

T. S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G.S.

KANSAS.

4th Communication, Topeka, Feb. 21, 1900.

Henry C. Loomis, G. M.

Three general Schools of Instruction were held during the year and four new lodges were formed.

On the subject of reimbursement for relief moneys the following rules were adopted as a Standing Regulation:

1. It is the bounden duty of any lodge and all Master Masons in this jurisdiction to render to any true and worthy affiliated Master Mason who, without fault on his part, is in distress, such assistance as his necessities may require and their abilities permit, without reference to his place of abode or the location of the lodge to which he belongs.

2. In the absence of an explicit agreement, no lodge has any claim on any other lodge in this jurisdiction, for reimbursement for sums advanced as charity to, or in behalf of, a member of such lodge or his family.

3. As under our law, each lodge is required to have a Committee on Charity, consisting of the Master and Wardens, "who shall dispense the charities of the lodge in such manner as its regulations may require." (By-law 85), therefore, such committee, or at least the chairman thereof, ought, in all cases, to be consulted by the officers of any other lodge intending to make a claim on the charity funds of a lodge.

The express and unequivocal consent of such committee, or of the lodge, should be obtained before any outlay of moneys be made for, or on account of, such other lodge.

Their Home has 35 inmates, and the expenses for the year amounted to \$5,755.24.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. John C. Postlethwaite, and he gives numerous extracts from our Proceedings of 1899. We take pleasure in approving his remarks on non-affiliation:

We do not believe in the principle of enforced affiliation. There are many instances throughout the world where men have become Masons and are not in sympathy with its teachings, who have quietly taken their dimit and ceased to be identified with the Order. Others, entertaining or acquiring religious ideas which in their judgment are inconsistent with the teachings of Masonry, have quietly dropped out, neither of which should be forced to affiliate with the lodge, and being conscientious in their belief, ought not to be placed under the ban of expulsion. True, there are many cases of brethren who sponge their way through Masonry. There are brethren, non-affiliates, who are always ready to be present at a banquet or other entertainment given by Masons, but are never ready to bear the heat and burden of the lodge, and who never express in thought, word or deed any of the principles of Masonry. Non-affiliation should be cured by acts of kindness and true courtesy, and the brother who is forced by a stringent law to become affiliated against his will, will never be of any benefit to the lodge except the few paltry pennies that he may pay into the treasury for dues during the year.

Lodges, 362; members, 20,740; increase, 756.

Charles J. Webb (Topeka), G. M.

KENTUCKY.

100th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 17, 1899.

James E. Wilhelm, G. M.

General prosperity prevails. The membership has increased and the finances of the lodges are in a healthy condition, the number of delinquent lodges being less than for many years past. The "chain-letter" system of applying for relief was deservedly discountenanced by the Grand Master.

Their Past Masters have only a "collective" vote in Grand Lodge, and a proposal was made to give them individual votes, which proposal did not prevail.

The needed improvements in the "Home" have been made, the children are being properly instructed, and

the sick are patiently nursed and skilfully treated. The subscriptions to endow an infirmary and home for aged and infirm Masons, in connection with their Widows' and Orphans' Home have reached a total of \$52,105.

The special committee on the Inspection of Lodges presented a valuable report, from which we make the following extract, but the regulations proposed by the committee were indefinitely postponed:

There can be no question that some plan of inspection for our subordinate lodges is needed, and badly needed. Secretaries are too often inefficient, and Masters are too often incompetent. Records are kept in a slovenly manner, minutes made on loose sheets of paper and imperfectly entered on the lodge book, or not at all; the Book of Constitutions is ignored entirely, or left to accumulate dust in the home of the Secretary or Master. The Grand Secretary's office is a model of neatness and accuracy; the blanks and instructions sent out from it are complete and explicit, yet neither the example, nor precept, nor the assistance given seems to enable Secretaries of subordinate lodges to make correct reports to Grand Lodge, or prepare properly the papers in cases on appeal. Too often the Master, ignorant of fundamentals in Masonry, commits grievous errors or omits necessary proceedings, so that the lodge is put to the expense of a new trial, or else an unworthy brother goes unwhipped of justice to become an eyesore to the public, and an excrescence on the body of Freemasonry.

These errors are sometimes the result of carelessness or indolence, but more often of honest and ignorant effort to do the right thing. In either case, any scheme of betterment must proceed on the assumption that the delinquent officers are willing to be instructed, provided the means of information are properly presented to them. They have, it is true, access to the Book of Constitutions and the circulars of the Grand Secretary; so has every child in this commonwealth access to text-books, but few of them will learn without a teacher. Oral instruction is necessary, and every lodge in the State should have an opportunity to receive it. This oral instruction should be chiefly directed to the Master and Secretaries of the lodges, and should apply to the technical duties of these officers, and the "landmarks" of the secret work.

In working out this plan these are essentials:

1. The instruction must be free to all, and accessible to all.
2. The teacher must be competent. Taking the latter proposition first, it is necessary to consider what shall be taught. This might be briefly stated as follows: (1.) How to conduct business for the lodge; (2) the prominent features of the secret work. The teacher, then, must be something more than a mere ritualist. He must be able to explain the best methods of keeping accounts between Secretary and Treasurer, and with the individual members of the lodge. More trouble in

lodges is due to disputes on money matters than to every other cause. The accurate recording and filing away of bills against the lodge, the proper conduct of trials, the recording of testimony, the preparation and authentication of transcripts for appeals and other official documents, should be taught.

To these qualifications he must add a knowledge of the secret work, based on scholarship and meditation, and developed into philosophic harmony of language. His work must be more than parrot repetition of unmeaning phrases—it must be the perfect clothing of unmutilated thought. He must be ready with a reason for the faith within him, and must teach where other teachers may condemn and criticise. If his "work" is not the best, his pupils should have a chance to know that fact. In the "landmarks" of the three degrees he must be proficient, and must be able to explain the reason of every step, the philosophy of every gesture. Freemasonry is a philosophy of morals—a religion veiled by the symbols of an operative Craft. It is the science of universal thought, the socialism of universal action. The explanation of its smallest ceremony has beneath it a deeper explanation, and beneath that there is still a profounder meaning. No man can claim, justly, that he knows all the learning and philosophy of even the first degree of Masonry. The man who is a ritualist, and nothing more, does not even know that his explanations do not explain. He can only say "I so received it" or "it looks better than the old way." Many of them would say—and some of them have said—"the book says so." No Mason who respected his obligation would ever write or print a "book;" no Mason ever has done so without writing himself down a liar and a perjurer; and still Grand Master Thompson said in his address (p. 18):

"The use of improper and unauthorized books is made a high offense by Regulation No. 73, and yet I have received information which leads me to believe that Master Masons are in the habit of selling such books to uninformed brethren and professing to have the sanction of Grand Lodge for so doing. I recommend that a regulation be adopted making it an offence for any Master to sell or give away such books in this jurisdiction, or to bring any such book into a lodge room, and affixing the penalty of expulsion for any Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason found guilty of so doing."

This Grand Lodge has, from its birth until now, consistently refused to adopt or permit any system of "book work," and the late College of Custodians emphatically repudiated a proposition looking toward that result. There is no authorized book containing the Kentucky work, and there never was. Kentucky Masonry has not, and will not, set the seal of its approbation on any Judas Iscariot who has bartered his soul for thirty pieces of silver. Therefore the Masonic teacher must be one who can know the false work and reject it.

Then we are confronted with the fact that few such men exist—possibly there is not one in this jurisdiction. The same

man is not often accurate in business details and philosophic in thought. The perfect Secretary is hardly ever an efficient Master. Different qualities of mind are needed in the two stations, and the Masonic teacher must possess the faculties of both. He must be able to instruct in minute details; he must be able to elucidate the outgrowth of profound principles. No such man was ever known to the writer of this, nor does he live in hopes of ever seeing him.

But if such a perfect Mason existed how would he be able to reach all the lodges in this jurisdiction? The Grand Lodge can take nothing from the funds of our Home for any purpose; it ought not, it must not, for the salvation of our children is paramount to all else. The city lodges could afford to pay the expense of this instruction; but the weak lodges in the country, who most need help of this kind, are not easily accessible. The cost of visiting them would be great, and they are less able to bear even a smaller burden. Nor would it be just that they should pay more for the same services than their more fortunate and wealthier brethren. Grand Lecturers and Grand Orators have the same human nature as other people, who are not so grand, but possibly more useful. They would prefer to visit a prosperous lodge, where the work would be exemplified with robes and magic lanterns, and a banquet would follow their exhausting labor of looking on. We are told that even ministers of the gospel prefer to visit where the chickens are fattest and the milk and honey most abundant.

Then if Mahomet cannot go to all the mountains, why not let all the mountains come to Mahomet? It can be done without costing the Grand Lodge anything or putting the subordinate lodges to any expense whatever. Every lodge in Kentucky has a right to send its representative to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

These brethren are here from two to four nights during the session, with no business to occupy their time. Why should they not be instructed then? Some lodges in Louisville would no doubt furnish a hall free of charge, and the meetings would be instructive and entertaining to all who came. If any one failed to come his lodge could know the reason why, when he returned to them. If any one failed to learn he could blame no one but himself.

This brings us again to the question of the teacher. It has been said that no one man possesses all the attributes of the perfect teacher. But two men may in some degree approximate what is desired. There are two nights open for this purpose. Let the Grand Secretary himself, or by his deputy, have charge of this school of instruction on one night. It would save him much time and worry to have competent Secretaries in subordinate lodges, and he could well afford to give one night to the instruction of delegates. Let the Grand Master himself or some brother appointed by him, have charge of this school on the other night. Let the lectures given not consist of platitudes about "the Mystic tie," or the recitation of doggerel verses, but of real instruction. Let every one present prepare himself to ask pertinent questions, and let

the best minds in this grand jurisdiction be there to criticise, and, if necessary, to condemn. The two teachers should be indicated a year in advance, and the brethren desiring information could from time to time send them written questions to be answered before the school in open session. These two nights, which are now wasted, could thus be profitably employed.

After a rest of six years, Bro. James W. Staton resumes the correspondence report, which covers 148 pages and deals with all the matters arising in the Craft in an able manner. Our proceedings of 1898 are accorded favorable mention.

Lodges, 468; members, 18,790; increase, 388.

John A. Ramsey (Owingsville), G.M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

LOUISIANA.

88th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 12, 1900.

A. C. Allen, G. M.

Last year the Grand Master had no prosperity to report, but this year it is very different. We rejoice at the fact, and extend our hearty congratulations. Individual efforts, uniting in a just cause, can accomplish much, even in the face of many difficulties.

I was then not unmindful of the serious burden which they were compelled to bear. I appreciated the fact that trials were great, and their resources comparatively meager; but knowing the moral timber out of which their characters were made—knowing their courage and their fortitude, I did not hesitate to request them to assume an additional financial responsibility in order that our cause might be carried beyond the shadows which threatened financial distress. Without an apparent dissenting voice they accepted the task. And right loyally have they responded with the fruits of their labor. The "brighter era," then devoutly wished for, is dawning; the relief has come, and, I believe, come to stay, brought about by the individual efforts and sacrifice of the Craftsmen of this jurisdiction alone. The numerical strength of the Order has increased remarkably over that of the year 1898; the bonded debt of this Grand Body has decreased far beyond our expectations; the subordinate lodges have been active and vigorous in their work, and the spirit of Masonry among us has been given a new impetus indicative of larger and broader results in the future.

Up to the time of this writing one hundred and twenty-three subordinate lodges have made returns.

These returns show an increase of one hundred and twenty-four members over the number shown by the returns of 1898.

I submit that this is the most favorable showing made for many years.

The financial improvements inaugurated last year have borne good fruit. Within the year the bonded indebtedness has been decreased by over \$12,000. The expenditures were less than in 1898 by about \$2,000, and a floating debt of about \$3,000 has been paid off.

Four new lodges were formed.

It was resolved that the time had not yet arrived for resumption of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington. The repeal of the obnoxious "Negro" resolutions was accompanied with a declaration of principles, which, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, left the matter much the same as before.

Lodges, 138; members, 5,962; increase, 124.

Robert H. Cage (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

80th Communication, Portland, May 2, 1899.

Joseph A. Locke, G. M.

According to the following decision of the Grand Master, their Constitution will not allow the conferring of the third degree on members of foreign jurisdictions, even as an act of courtesy:

Under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge every candidate who receives the third degree in a lodge thereby becomes a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership. (Constitution, Section 111.) I call attention to this decision, which I have given several times, as lodges in this state have been requested by lodges in Canada and in other states, as a matter of courtesy, to confer the second and third degrees for them upon parties who had received the E. A. degree in their several lodges.

Masonic recognition was extended to the Grand Orient of Belgium, but it was considered inexpedient to recognize the Grand Orient of Portugal.

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond continues as reporter on Correspondence, and there is no diminution of his vigor and ability. His reports unquestionably take the lead of all others. Our proceedings of 1898 receive an extensive and very favorable notice. On the use of the

gavel by the Wardens, he has the following remarks in reply to Bro. Barlow, of Connecticut :

In his review of Maine, he says that in Connecticut the Wardens have gavels, and is somewhat surprised at our remarks in relation to this in our review of Arkansas last year. We are very greatly surprised to learn that this is the custom in Connecticut. We would like to have our brother recall the secret portion of the installation of a Master of a lodge, and have him tell us whether the installation therein given does not make the gavel the emblem of supreme authority in the lodge. We would also like to have him read the closing part of the address of Grand Master Havens, and tell us what he meant when he said: "As I surrender to you again this gavel, which, one year ago, you so unanimously placed in my hands," etc. Did not our Most Worshipful Brother mean that he was surrendering the emblem of supreme authority in the Grand Lodge, and, if so, can there be more than one? The fact is, we should not be more surprised to find three Masters presiding at the same time in one lodge, than we should to find three brethren holding the gavel at the same time in the same lodge. We think we shall have to refer this to the ritualists among our brethren on these committees, and to start with, we would like the views of Bro. Cunningham, of Ohio. We have looked into some of the Monitors, and while we do not find the matter frequently mentioned, yet, whenever it is mentioned, the Wardens are spoken of as holding "Truncheons."

On the subject of Masonic Homes, Bro. Drummond says :

And yet, several Grand Lodges have crippled themselves in building Masonic Homes before there was really sufficient demand for them; and when we say "sufficient demand," we mean that as a business matter, the parties can be taken care of at better advantage in the Home than anywhere else. All will admit that it would be utter folly to build a Home for a dozen occupants, but the question where the line is to be drawn is an exceedingly difficult one. There have been instances in which, taking into account the cost of the Home, there has been paid for the support of destitute Masons, more money per annum, than it would cost to maintain them at a first-class hotel. We are not opposed to Homes. We think that when they are needed they are the grandest institutions in the world; but it is true that it is extravagance to maintain them when they are not needed; and yet there is a tendency to do that without stopping to inquire as to whether they are needed or not.

Lodges, 195; members, 22,165; decrease, 26.

Winfield S. Choate (Augusta), G.M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

24th Communication, Regina, June 14, 1899.

George B. Murphy, G. M.

New lodges have been formed at Dauphin, Yorkton, Roland and Crystal City. A dispensation was also issued for the formation of a lodge at Dawson City in the Yukon District. The attendance at lodges has increased and the work is carefully performed. They have an era of prosperity before them.

On the question of the recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium, the following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has carefully examined the documents accompanying the applications of this organization for an exchange of representatives.

By virtue of a treaty made with the Supreme Council of Belgium, on April 4, 1880, it claims to exercise complete control over all Lodges existing in that country, and working the degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. This treaty may be abrogated by either of the contracting parties giving six months' notice.

Under the circumstances your committee does not feel warranted in acceding to the request, and it believes that it should be a settled policy of the Grand Lodge to exchange representatives only with symbolic Grand Lodges having exclusive control over Craft Masonry in the countries where located.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.: That the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium for an exchange of representatives be not granted.

The following report on the Grand Lodge Library was adopted. It looks to us as if the adoption of these recommendations would result in the complete dispersion of the books, at all events of those in the department of fiction.

The Library has been established for a number of years, and the Grand Lodge has not refused at any time to grant freely the funds necessary to purchase books necessary to make up a first-class general and reference library.

Notwithstanding that we have as a result of the efforts of the Librarian and Committee, a most valuable collection of general and Masonic literature, the fact that very little use is made of these gathered treasures is becoming every year more apparent to your committee.

Your Committee considers that wherever the difficulty lies, the present state of things must be changed, and the interest in and usefulness of the library must in some way be evi-

denced. With this object in view, your committee would make the following recommendations, viz.:

1. That no works of fiction be purchased.
2. That the works of fiction now in the library be sent to the District Deputy Grand Masters, to be by them distributed among the lodges of their districts to the best advantage.
3. That all books so distributed be returned to the Librarian, not later than the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge following their distribution.
4. That a number of works of practical utility on Masonry be purchased and supplied to each District Deputy Grand Master, to be handed by him to his successor in office.
5. That the District Deputy Grand Masters constantly impress on the members of the Craft in their districts, the importance of each subscribing to some standard Masonic periodical, a list of which will be furnished by the Librarian.
6. That all brethren visiting Winnipeg consult the various works contained in the Reference Department, such arrangements to be made at the Masonic Temple as will make the Library at all times accessible to such visiting brethren.

The Constitution was revised and is ready for distribution.

Lodges, 63; members, 2870; increase, 200.

John Leslie, Winnipeg), G. M.

William G. Scot (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

113th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 21, 1899.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

He reports harmony and prosperity.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognised.

Notwithstanding his sore affliction in the loss of his eyesight, Bro. Edward T. Schultz again presents a most interesting and valuable report on Correspondence, on which Canada for 1898 finds a place. In his sketch of "Washington as a Mason" we find the following:

Some of the enemies of Freemasonry have even denied that Washington was a Mason. Others allege that though made a Mason in his youth, he took no interest in Masonry in later life, and others assert that he renounced Masonry. There was recently published in the organ of a so-called Christian Association a statement "that from 1768 he was practically a seceding Mason," and that he was never Grand Master or Master of a lodge. The falsity of these charges, except that he was never installed Grand Master, can be as easily established as the fact that George Washington did live, or that he was President of the United States.

A lodge of Free Masons was established at Fredericksburg, Va., prior to the year 1750 by Thomas Oxnard, of Boston, Pro-

vincial Grand Master of North America. Subsequently, in 1758, this lodge received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and at a later period a warrant was received from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as the present Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4. The old records of this lodge are existing and show the following entries:

November 4th, 1752, received of Mr. George Washington for his entrance £2 3s.

March 3d, 1753, George Washington passed Fellow Craft.

August 4th, 1753, George Washington raised Master Mason.

The Bible on which he was obligated and the seal of the lodge are also preserved. The Bible is a small quarto volume and bears date "Cambridge, printed by John Field, printer to the University, 1688."

This record being an original, and having been found in possession of the proper custodians, the lineal descendants of the original lodge, would be held to be evidence in any court of law. Therefore, unless the enemies of our fraternity can show that George Washington did not then live within the jurisdiction of Fredericksburg Lodge, or that there were two persons bearing that name so living at that time, they must yield to the conclusion that as he was born and raised in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Washington was the individual referred to in these Proceedings.

Washington, at the time of his initiation, lacked about three months of being twenty-one, having been born February 22, 1732. It will be observed from the record, however, that an interval of four months elapsed between his initiation and passing, and the same time intervened between his passing and raising.

Soon after receiving the third degree he was employed by the Governor of Virginia on a most important and delicate mission. He was sent to some French military posts on the Ohio river to demand, in the name of the Governor of Virginia, who was the British King's representative in the territory of which the French had taken possession, that they should at once depart and cease to intrude on the claimed English domain.

He left Williamsburg, the seat of the Virginia Government, on the 30th of November, 1753, taking with him a guide and half-dozen backwoodsmen, and traversing a country little known, held conferences with Indian war chiefs, and the French commandant, and returned after months of hardships and dangers, and made his report to the Governor. This report and his daily journal were published soon after, both in this country and in Europe, and his prudence and diplomacy met with general approbation.

The refusal of the French to evacuate the posts on the Ohio was followed by the contest which is known in history as the French and Indian war, in which our Brother Washington took and active part. During the next six years Washington was engaged in military campaigns and could not have devoted much time to attending at lodge meetings, and from the

meager records kept by the lodge at that period we know but little of his Masonic life for a number of years.

Lodges, 103; members, 8,021; increase, 237.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Lodge publishes its Proceedings quarterly.

Quarterly Communication, June 14, 1899.

Charles C. Hutchinson, G.M.

The time and manner of dedicating their new Temple was left to the Grand Master with full powers. He prefers a private ceremony rather than a large "parade with its attendant bustle, annoyance, great labor and cost." The cost of a public ceremony is estimated to be at the least \$10,000.

The following appears on the claim of Philadelphia to be the Mother City of Freemasonry in America:

The Recording Secretary called attention to the revival of the absurd pretensions of certain brethren of Pennsylvania that the Masonry of this country had its birth in Philadelphia, or as they proudly expressed it, that Philadelphia was "the Mother City of Freemasonry in America." Outside of "the great State of Pennsylvania," this foolish boast never received much countenance or support, and here, in the little State of Massachusetts, we had come to the conclusion that the silly claim had died with its author. But it appears by the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that at the Annual Communication on the 27th of December, 1898, the pretensions were not only repeated, but that one Julius F. Sachse fairly out-Heroded even Brother MacCalla himself, claiming that he (Sachse) produced evidence which "naturally led to the inference that the Constitutions (Franklin's Reprint) were sent by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania which had been set up in Massachusetts, Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and were either within its jurisdiction or at least subordinate to that Right Worshipful Body." Even the assurance of Brother MacCalla scarcely reached the sublime height of claiming that the lodges in Massachusetts were subordinate to the so-called Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of 1734.

Bro. Nickerson then gives numerous historical facts and personal experiences in tracing the early History of Masonry in America, which are very interesting, but too long for insertion here. He severely criticizes the comments of the Pennsylvania Historian with regard to

the Franklin manuscripts and says that his conclusions are utterly unwarranted by anything in the documents.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

Charles C. Hutchinson, G.M.

Exemplifications were held in 17 Districts, which were attended by a large number of brethren. The rendering of the work and lectures was generally good, in some cases near perfection.

We copy part of the Grand Master's peroration:

As we stand at the close of one period in our Masonic life and on the threshold of another may we not gather new courage and inspiration from the past to strengthen us in meeting the problems of the future?

Our Institution was established here in a time of small things, measured by modern standards, and our fathers had small resources at their command; but their works and words still live as an inspiration to us of to-day, a power to call us to a truer life and give a larger scope to our energies. If we in our day exhibit as much of wisdom, of patient striving, of devotion to the principles of our Institution as did our fathers, we shall have no reason to be ashamed of the record we shall leave. They had difficulties to overcome, adverse criticism even to persecution to encounter, but they had the spirit and qualities to meet and overcome them. Let it be our care that these qualities do not die out in their successors. The present has its claims upon us as had the past upon our predecessors. If the past be glorious and the present happy, how much more glorious and brighter may be the future if we wisely improve present opportunities. The golden age of our fraternity will not lie behind us if we remember that we are the inheritors of everything that has made our Order in the past worthy of the distinction it has enjoyed, and keep before our minds a high ideal of what our fraternity ought to be and a sense of the devoted service it demands from us, in order that its character, influence and benefactions may continue along the lines already laid down. Upon its past activities no human institution can long exist. While we wear the badges of Masonry, let us not neglect to use its working tools.

The new Temple was dedicated on St. John's Day with imposing ceremonies.

At the meeting on March 14, 1900, an amendment to the Constitution to make all District Deputies and Past District Deputies to be Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge was defeated by a vote of 321 to 23.

Lodges, 236; members, 39,871; increase, 537.

Charles T. Gallagher (Boston), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

56th Communication, Detroit, Jan. 23, 1900.³

Frank T. Lodge, G. M.

A delegation of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada were announced as in waiting and desirous of visiting the Grand Lodge, whereupon the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters Hugh McCurdy, A. T. Metcalf, and John W. Finch a committee to receive and introduce the distinguished visitors, and accompanied by the Grand Marshal they retired, and in due time introduced the following brethren from the Grand Lodge of Canada:

- M. W. Brother E. T. Malone, Grand Master.
- M. W. Brother W. R. White, Past Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother R. B. Hungerford, Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother B. Allen as Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. Brother J. E. D'Avignon as Grand Junior warden.
- R. W. Brother I. T. McKillop, Dist. Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. Bro. J. H. Henning, Past D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother A. H. Clark, Past D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother B. Paine, Past D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother E. S. Wigle, Past D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. Brother J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.
- R. W. Brother R. J. Munro, Grand Steward.
- R. W. Brother N. Shafley, Grand Steward.
- R. W. Brother D. L. Carley, Grand Steward.
- R. W. Brother E. Atchinson, Grand Steward.

These brethren were received with the Grand Honors in a manner befitting their high Masonic standing, and escorted to seats in the Grand East, Grand Master Lodge giving them a cordial welcome in a few well-chosen and happy remarks, which were most eloquently responded to by Grand Master Malone, whose masterly address was listened to with rapt attention, and elicited frequent rounds of hearty applause. He concluded by presenting to the Grand Lodge a beautiful gold-lined, silver loving cup from the visiting delegation. Grand Master Lodge received the beautiful gift on behalf of his Grand Lodge with fitting words expressive of high appreciation of the gift and the warm fraternal feelings which prompted its presentation.

Brothers White and Hungerford also spoke briefly, with fervor and eloquence on the reciprocal ties binding these two Grand Bodies, which were stronger than bands of steel.

These visiting brethren were the guests of our Grand Officers until the following morning, and everything was done to make their stay among us pleasant to them.

The address of the Grand Master is an exceedingly able and interesting document. We make the following extracts:

In commencing my account of my stewardship I desire to say that no attempt has been made to make this a record-

breaking year. When I surveyed the field at the commencement of my administration, in order to determine what new line of work to take up, I found that there were absolutely no more worlds to conquer. Every vein had been thoroughly worked. Having been one of Grand Master Phillips' active assistants, I knew that the future had been mortgaged to make this "the Corner Stone Year," and, for the next fifty years there would be no chance to rival his unprecedented career as the "Corner Stone Grand Master." There was nothing that I could add to the iconoclastic efforts of Grand Master Carton in the line of hitting the heads of Masonic insurance companies. I could not hope to travel as many miles, or hold as many Schools of Instruction as Grand Master Winsor, or write as many letters as Grand Master Dowling. Grand Master Bradley had untangled all the business snarls of Grand Lodge, and our financial affairs were running too smoothly for me to hope to improve them. "Our Hugh" had accomplished all the oratorical feats and plucked all the flowers of eloquence, and my other illustrious predecessors had stopped every gap and filled every chink in the walls of our Masonic edifice. So there was absolutely nothing for me to do save to steer our good ship in the safe course already set by those who had preceded me and follow in the luminous path which they had already blazed. This I have endeavored to do, and I believe the result has been most satisfactory.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I bring to you the record of a peaceful, pleasant, prosperous year. Never, perhaps, have the Craft been more free from internal disasters, dissensions, or even disputes. Steadily quietly, peacefully, our beloved fraternity has pressed onward in her great and helpful mission, raising the fallen, helping the distressed, soothing the sorrowing, letting not the left hands know what the right hands have been doing, but none the less swiftly and surely running the errands of mercy and of work which have been set for her to do.

Such deeds cannot be easily counted. They cannot be readily marshaled into statistical columns nor glibly recited in reports like this. It must suffice to say that I have taken extra pains to become familiar with the condition of the Craft by lodges, and I can confidently assert that never were we more peaceful, prosperous and happy, never were we more zealous in all the beneficent activities of the Craft, never did brotherly love more universally prevail, and every social and moral virtue more firmly cement us.

A few figures showing the rapidity of our growth for the last fifty years may not be amiss on this, the beginning of the last year of the century:

- In 1850 we had 40 Constituent Lodges and 1,314 members.
- In 1860 we had 115 Constituent Lodges and 5,816 members.
- In 1870 we had 257 Constituent Lodges and 20,346 members.
- In 1880 we had 341 Constituent Lodges and 25,942 members.
- In 1890 we had 363 Constituent Lodges and 31,353 members.
- On the first day of January, 1900, we have 386 Constituent

Lodges and 41,917 members, and we rank fifth among the Grand Lodges of this continent. The increase for this year—1,530—is the largest for a quarter of a century and is only exceeded by one or two of the years of the war of the Rebellion, when so many soldiers were made Masons before going to the front.

To-day 159 lodges occupy lodge rooms which are owned by themselves, either alone or in connection with other Masonic bodies. Two hundred and twenty-three lodges occupy rented halls. One hundred and eighty-nine Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star occupy lodge rooms of the different lodges, while only six lodge rooms are reported to be occupied by the lodges jointly with outside organizations. Twenty-five of the lodges derive a revenue from renting portions of their buildings outside of their lodge rooms.

The value of all the lodge rooms has not been reported to me, but the total value of the 133 lodge rooms owned by the lodges and reported to me is \$824,650. The average value per building is \$6,200. The largest valuation is that placed upon the Masonic Temple in Detroit, which is given at \$355,000; the smallest valuation is \$300, upon which is a debt of \$175; and yet the same Masonry is taught and practiced in that humble lodge room as in this splendid Detroit Temple. One hundred and six of the lodges are free from debt on account of their lodge rooms. The total indebtedness upon the 53 buildings not wholly paid for is \$196,015, more than one-half of which—\$110,000—is upon the Detroit Temple. Omitting that, the average indebtedness upon the remaining 52 temples is \$1,654.

Truly, brethren, this is a proud showing! Truly the Lord has caused His face to shine upon us and been gracious to us!

We are at peace with ourselves and with our sister Grand Jurisdictions, and the utmost harmony at home and abroad has characterized this, the next to the last year of the nineteenth century.

The heart of every Mason should be raised in thanksgiving to the God of Masonry, for "surely, goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our history."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and the Grand Orient of Belgium were recognized. The application for recognition made by the Gran Dieta of Mexico was denied, Bro. Hugh McCurdy making an exhaustive report against its legitimacy and practices.

The petition of two members of the colored Grand Lodge of Michigan, praying for recognition was denied.

The report on Correspondence is to be omitted from future printed Proceedings, in order to save expense.

Their Masonic Home has 37 inmates. The net cost of maintenance has been reduced to \$2.72 per week per inmate.

Lucian E. Wood (Niles), G. M.

Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

47th Communication, St. Paul, January 17, 1900.

Alonzo T. Stebbins, G. M.

The Grand Master reports six new lodges. He has the following on their methods of instruction:

The work of the Board of Custodians has not been as extensive as heretofore, Brother Griswold being the only member of the board who has held schools of instruction. This is to be regretted. The system of instruction, although devised and put in operation but a few years ago, has done much, not only in promulgating the ritualistic work, but also in stimulating a desire on the part of the brethren to know more of the history, principles and laws of Masonry. Perhaps I have not given this matter as careful consideration as it deserves, leaving it to the individual members of the board to select places to hold their prescribed six schools of instruction where they deemed advisable. The Grand Master, through the reports received from the District Deputies is in possession of much information that would be of value to the board in selecting places to hold schools of instruction.

I reappointed Brother Griswold to succeed himself as a member of the board, his term having expired, and Bro. David B. Knowlton, of Minneapolis, to succeed Brother Raymond, deceased.

Brother Griswold held eight schools during the year, at a cost to the Grand Lodge of \$136.45. I would recommend that the sum of \$500 be again appropriated for this work for the coming year.

The following report was adopted:

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred the request of Bro. H. M. Myers relative to the status of brethren receiving Masonic degrees in military lodges in the United States Army, respectfully report that, upon the production of the necessary Masonic data as to their standing, the brethren so initiated, passed or raised will be duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to all intents and purposes as if the degrees had been conferred in this Masonic jurisdiction.

In his review of Maine, Bro. Irving Todd has the following:

Of the grand encampment regulation requiring lodge and chapter affiliation to preserve one's standing in the commandery, Bro. Drummond says:

"The grand encampment, however, has entered upon the experiment, and we shall have the benefit of its experience, but we will venture to say that, if the law is enforced, the commandery will lose ten members where the lodge gains one. We think the regulation is based upon the dog in the manger principal (principle), which substantially makes the lodge say,

"if you won't belong to us you shall not belong to any other body."

As the lodge had nothing to say in the premises we fail to perceive the force of this reasoning, but are rather inclined to the opinion that the regulation is a wholesome one. Candidates are often rushed through the lodge and chapter like a dose of salts, and after donning the white feather they are seen no more in either body. Having attained the, to them, proud pinnacle they are perfectly willing to kick over the ladder by which the ascent was made. The grand encampment merely orders that they shall at least help keep the apparatus in repair.

Under "Washington," Bro. Todd copies the repealing resolutions on the Negro question and then says:

This labored manifesto is a practical illustration of how not to do it. While professing to repeal the obnoxious legislation of last year, the Grand Lodge or its committee or both assume to recognize any Masonry derived from or unquestioned by the Grand Lodge of England, a still more sweeping assertion than the one complained of. Such juggling with words is not creditable to the Grand Lodge of Washington or its committee. Had the sixth declaration ended with the phrase "said resolution is repealed," the tom tom allusions to self-invited attacks might possibly have been overlooked, and the peace and harmony so hypocritically invoked become at least a semblance of reality.

Your committee does not propose to enter into an extended review of a paper evidently carefully prepared to avoid the disagreeable effects of a square backdown or a yielding of the precious hope to become the Messiah of the so-called Colored Masons of this country. If the brethren in Washington derive any satisfaction from the anomalous position in which they have allowed themselves to be placed they are certainly welcome to it. The fraternity at large, however, is not satisfied, and will not be until the disavowal is couched in language that cannot be misunderstood or explained away.

Canada for 1899 has a good notice.

Lodges, 216; members, 16,401; increase, 482.

Alonzo Brandenburg (Fergus Falls), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

81st Communication, Vicksburg, February 8, 1899.

John M. Stone, G. M.

On the yellow fever epidemic the Grand Master says:

The appearance of yellow fever, in epidemic form, in several localities in the State, in the month of September, produced the usual panic, and business enterprises of every character

were practically paralyzed for two months. The usual exodus from the State almost immediately followed, many of the citizens taking refuge in the North and West, which probably added materially to the safety of those who elected, or were compelled, to remain at home. Fortunately the fever was of a mild type, and, with the exception of one or two localities, the death rate was exceedingly small. Yet the epidemic, with the consequent losses resulting from quarantine regulations, and the forced abandonment of homes and property for a time, entailed serious losses upon the people, from which some will never recover. But the hand of Charity, ever ready to minister to the suffering everywhere, was open to them, and many poor people were provided for who, without such aid, must have suffered.

The Grand Master decided that every corner-stone laid with Masonic ceremonies must be placed in the northeast corner of the building.

A majority of the lodges are in a most healthy condition, harmony prevails and the contributions to the widows and orphans have been ample.

The funds for a Home have not reached a sufficient amount to warrant proceeding with the work.

Bro. Andrew H. Barkley presented a capital report on Correspondence in which Canada for 1898 finds a place.

Lodges, 279; members, 9,158; increase, 119.

William Starling (Nanchez), G. M.

J. L. Power (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

79th Communication, Kansas City, Oct. 17, 1899.

E. F. Allen, G. M.

As a specimen of his eloquence we quote the following:

We live in the midst of the most brilliant civilization of the world. Our State, which is at the very heart's center of the garden-land of the universe (through the efforts of human genius and the blessings of God, regardless of destruction by the ruthless hand of ignorance and devastation by war), has been gradually changing from an Eden of beauty into a garden of industry, with even additional beauty and grandeur; our fields of harvest, our mines with their varied products, the wealth of our forests and streams, the exuberance of our climate, through the agencies of the mart, the factory, the railway, and the boat, serve industrious mankind with a bountiful supply of "the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy." 'Almost coeval with the first settlements on Missouri soil were the lights placed upon the al-

tars of Masonry, and from then until now it has carried its humanizing influences, its charities, its social pleasures, its craft ambitions, in the advance guard of our civilization. The perfume from the altars of Masonry has permeated the lives of many thousands of our citizens. It has entered the home and gladdened the hearts of those about the fireside; it has been continually upon the highway, in the office and place of business or occupation, in the factory, upon the farm, at the mine, in the courts of justice and halls of legislation; Freemasonry has established more lasting friendships than any known institution of the world.

The Grand Lodge decided that in the present disturbed condition of Masonry in Mexico it is not expedient to recognize the Gran Dieta.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1898. His conclusion is excellent:

From all the information gathered, while reviewing the Proceedings in hand, it may be safely stated that Masonry in this country never was more solidly based upon its ancient foundations. Progress and prosperity have marked its march for the year. "The little cloud" which arose on the western horizon has disappeared. The folly of its origin need not be enlarged upon. The author of said folly may have learned, if not incapacitated by blindness, that it is "hard to kick against the pricks," or sharp and fixed principles of a conservative Brotherhood. Reformers are not in demand among the class of men who compose the Masonic Fraternity.

The work of establishing and maintaining Masonic Homes goes on with most encouraging progress. Masonry is thus demonstrating its true mission and right to a place among the great and good institutions of our advancing civilization. Never in its history has the fraternity presented such credentials to the confidence and approbation of the general public. The hearts of many thousands have been touched by the princely deeds of our Masonic sanctuaries in many of the Grand Lodges of the country. These are truly Asylums of Love. A Divine Angel, Charity, presides in these creations of Masonic hearts. Our Missouri Home has never been so well grounded in the affections and faith of the craft. As a representative of this blessed sanctuary, I send greetings to all sister jurisdictions where similar institutions exist. God speed the day when the lonely widows and helpless children of our fallen brethren may all find rest, peace and comfort in these abodes of practical Masonic benevolence.

Lodges, 556; members, 32,153; increase, 598.

C. H. Briggs (Fayette), G. M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

35th Communication, Helena, Sept. 20, 1899.

Charles W. Pomeroy, G. M.

A revised Constitution was adopted.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, the mileage paid to representatives was reduced from five cents to four cents, and the amount thus saved is to be used to defray the expenses of the Grand Master in making official visitations.

The Grand Secretary presented another of his first-class reports on Correspondence. In his review of Arizona we find the following:

Whether Masonry originated with Solomon at the building of the great Temple, and even whether Solomon deserves the credit of being the wisest man, are doubtful matters to our mind. Solomon's domestic matters have never impressed us as exhibiting any more marvelous wisdom than those of Mohammed, with odds in favor of the latter. If that great Temple, aside from the true worship of the only living and true God, so long as it was practiced therein, had any special value in the sight of Jehovah, it would never have been destroyed. If, as Brother Belden supposes, the Temple-builders were the first instance where the dignity of labor was recognized and regarded as a stimulus to exertion and skill, it becomes a notable era in the world's history, and is of more practical value than a thousand temples. The human soul is God's temple, and He prefers to dwell in and with an honest, contrite, devout and obedient heart, rather than in the most costly and gorgeous temple. Dignified, independent, intelligent labor is the hope of the world. Masons are builders, working under the eye of God, with His inspiration in their hearts and His sure rewards in view. Many of the so-called labor unions are blighting and degrading to labor, reducing all to a common low level, stifling ambition, frequently exercising a tyranny as cruel as the hardest taskmaster. The solution is not yet reached.

On the folly of going into debt in order to build a Temple, Bro. Hedges, in his notice of Arkansas, says:

It takes a pretty good temple to pay expenses when there is no debt on it. When Solomon erected his great temple he was several years in gathering materials and filling his treasury before work was begun, in addition to all the preparation that his father David had made. His successors have not been as prudent, though it is generally thought, and by many believed, that the world is all the time growing wiser and better. It is not supposed that Solomon had to pay taxes and insurance on his temple, and elevators had not been introduced. Aside from local ambitions and some general pride

and pleasure, we doubt if Masonic Temples ever pay. The cost of maintenance alone would pay the rent of sumptuous and commodious offices for the Grand Officers and the place for annual meetings. We are clearly of the opinion that Masonic Homes reflect more credit on Masonry and yield fruits more abundant and infinitely more valuable, and those who flatter themselves that the revenues of the Temple will sometime become a rich endowment to support a Home are counting on a great uncertainty, and at any rate are postponing the greater for a very much smaller profit. But the Grand Lodge voted another sacrifice for the altar of indebtedness. It abolished correspondence reports to save \$200 a year in printing. To the general craft these reports, such as Brother Davidson has supplied this year, furnish more information and satisfaction than the same amount of cost invested in any other way, and we are surprised that Past Grand Master Thornburg could have proposed the sacrifice, or that any intelligent brother would have approved of it. It emphasizes the exceeding folly of getting into debt, involving the necessity of sacrificing the "crown jewels" to escape the rapacity of creditors. Perhaps the Grand Lodge of Arkansas may survive its experience with temple building, as well as the boy who was kicked by a mule, whose father said he would never be as handsome as before, but he might know more.

In his review of Canada for 1898, he says that Bro. Gibson's address was unsurpassed in quality, and that our Benevolent work is "a distinction to be proud of and more creditable than the finest Temple ever erected."

Lodges, 46; members, 3,000; increase, 150.

Anthony H. Barret (Butte), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

42nd Communication, Lincoln, June 7, 1899.

Frank H. Young, G. M.

Among the deaths of the year are recorded those of their first Grand Master, Robert C. Jordan, and their Grand Secretary, William R. Bowen. Bro. Jordan was the prime mover in the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1857, and his whole life was substantially devoted to the upbuilding of Freemasonry. Bro. Bowen was Grand Secretary for 27 years, and in him the Craft has lost a most devoted member.

The Grand Custodian held 42 lodges of instruction and visited six lodges singly. The lodges are generally prosperous.

The youngest son of their late lamented Grand Secretary was adopted as the child of the Grand Lodge, and his future practical education and welfare is assured.

By the adoption of a majority report, the Grand Lodge decided that they had gone far enough on the liquor question and that it was not a Masonic crime for a member to sign a saloon petition.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reports on Correspondence in the topical form. His remarks on the necessity of reading Masons are good.

Authentic records of lodge proceedings were not preserved down to within something like three hundred years ago, and then only in exceptional cases. But since 1717, when the present system of Grand Lodge government of the craft was adopted, lodge records have become necessary. The compilation of the old constitutions, by Anderson, and their publications, seems to have inaugurated the latter-day literature of the Order. And still there existed a dearth of really valuable publications, when, early in the present century, Dr. Oliver began his work, and during his lifetime contributed publications of rare value to the craft. His great work, "The Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry," is a veritable storehouse of valuable knowledge, and should be carefully read by every one desirous of gaining a clear conception of the philosophical character of the legends and traditions involved in the ritual of Freemasonry, as well as of many subjects connected with the authentic history and government of Masonic bodies. Mackey and Morris, among American writers, should be familiar authorities with every aspiring brother.

The reviewers upon all current topics discussed in Masonic Grand Bodies afford a means to enable those actively engaged in lodge government to act understandingly. Without more or less study of our literature one is unfit to hold the responsible position of Master of a lodge.

It has been observed by those intelligently engaged in carrying on the work that our members do not, as a general thing, read our literature. And many in our ranks elevated to positions of high authority in our lodges, Grand and subordinate, are, unfortunately, deplorably ignorant of anything like a thorough knowledge of what they are expected to teach. Valuable as the ritual is as a key to all the more beautiful lessons of the degrees, nevertheless a thorough knowledge of it is but the beginning of what a Freemason should learn and master.

It too often occurs that one who has mastered a knowledge of the "work" and made himself familiar with some of the simpler rules for the government of the lodge, and who has only a superficial knowledge of the art, really thinks he knows all about it. Members of our Order, and our enemies, alike accept as true many mistaken views as to what Freemasonry is and what it teaches. It is a science, as we are told, "veiled

in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Its better part is formed in the pure principles it teaches by its legends, traditions and symbols. How, then, without diligent study, are we to see and know all the beauties of our cult?

The matter of the government of ourselves and our organizations is, though of less importance, of great moment. In this latter branch necessity compels some attention that things may go on somewhat smoothly; but far less attention is paid to this than should be given to it. Our rulers are too prone to jump at conclusions, not recognizing the fact that Masonry is a law unto itself, but lazily turning to some analogy in the civil law rather than diligently searching for the true rule. The writer would urge the Freemasons of Nebraska, for whom this review is written principally, to a study of the text-books and histories, and a perusal of all the reviews obtainable. Without such reading, study, and perusal, certainly those chosen to positions of trust among us can but fail in instructing the newly initiated.

Lodges, 230; members, 11,948; increase, 173.

William W. Keysor (Omaha), G. M.

Francis E. White (Plattsmouth), G. S.

NEVADA.

35th Communication, Virginia City, June 13, 1899.

Matthew Kyle, G. M.

His address opens with the following:

A review of the returns from the various Constituent Lodges shows a slight decrease in numbers, but Masonry is not measured by numbers. It is the innate strength of the individual Mason, his work in the community, and his standing as a man, that measures the worth of our glorious fraternity. My observation of the ever constant influence of Masonry has convinced me that when a man becomes a Mason he becomes a better man, and if I have any injunction to give the brethren it is to exhort them to conform with earnestness to the teachings of Masonry. A faithful reliance upon its precepts will aid us in every battle and encourage us in our struggle for higher ideals.

That the officers and members of all the lodges of our jurisdiction are endowed with the true spirit of Masonic fellowship, I am more than convinced by my travels among them.

The mission of the Mason is to help his brother in all laudable undertakings, and not to let private pique interfere with his judgment; and such, I am happy to say, has been the distinguishing trait of a vast majority of our members.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

The suggestion of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming as

to the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge was not approved.

Bro. A. D. Bird has a concise report on Correspondence, including a review of Canada for 1898.

John M. McCormack (Reno), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

32nd Communication, St. John, August 22, 1899.

Thomas Walker, G. M.

Harmony prevails and much good work has been quietly done. The reports of the District Deputies, with one exception, are hopeful of the future.

It was decided that the distance between lodges should be measured in a direct or air-line from lodge-room to lodge-room, without reference to territorial boundaries.

The following was adopted:

That section 9 of the report of the board be adopted and that a committee of three be appointed to meet with the committees of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and discuss with them the proposed union of the three Grand Lodges, but that the appointment of such committee shall not be held as committing this Grand Lodge in any way to the principle of such union.

Lodges, 32; members, 1778; increase, 11.

J. G. Forbes (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

110th Communication, Concord, May 17, 1899.

John McLane, G. M.

The members of the lodge at Wilton are the lucky possessors of a beautiful Masonic Temple, the generous gift of a Past Master of the lodge, the Hon. David A. Gregg. "No single lodge in the State has a Temple that will equal this one for elegance and beauty of design or rich and costly workmanship."

Any brother who shall have served as an officer or on any standing committee of this Grand Lodge for ten years consecutively may be elected to permanent membership.

Bro. A. S. Wait presented a very readable report on

Correspondence, in which Canada for 1898 has a favorable notice.

Lodges, 78; members, 9,240; increase, 16.

John McLane (Milford), G. M.

George P. Cleaves (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

113th Communication, Trenton, January 24, 1900.

Josiah W. Ewan, G. M.

The Grand Master is of opinion that it is unwise to remove their interdict against the Grand Lodge of Washington until it is positively determined by that Grand Lodge whether New Jersey has any right to review or question the admission to the lodges in Washington of persons whom New Jersey has declared to be clandestine and irregular.

The usual District Lodges of Instruction were held with a better attendance than formerly, but the Grand Master thinks that they can be discontinued in the future as the brethren are now so well informed that they are unnecessary, and the District Deputies are fully competent to attend to the future instruction.

We copy two of his decisions:

Candidates shall not be initiated in English-speaking lodges unless they understand the English language.

No brother who has dimitted from a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington since the issuance of the interdict of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey against that Grand Lodge, can affiliate with a New Jersey lodge until the interdict is removed.

With a few exceptions the Craft in New Jersey is in a most flourishing condition.

There are 22 inmates in their Masonic Home, maintained at a cost of \$288.66 per capita per annum.

On the "Washington" edict, the following report was adopted:

This Grand Lodge does and always has recognised the eligibility of any man to be made a Mason who possesses the proper qualifications, without regard to his race or color.

It also recognizes the right of the Grand Lodge of Washington and of its subordinate lodges to receive into their fellowship by affiliation or to admit as visitors such persons as they see fit. We can only insist that so long as that Grand Lodge recognizes the right of its subordinate lodges to hold Masonic intercourse with alleged Masons who do not owe allegiance to any body recognized by us as Masonic, the Grand

Lodge of New Jersey must, under our obligations, refuse to recognize it as a Masonic body or to hold any communication with it as such. We must therefore recommend that the interdict issued against the Grand Lodge of Washington and those owing allegiance thereto should not be removed.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Charles Belcher, P. G. M., and is an excellent and very readable review of 54 jurisdictions, including Canada for 1899.

Lodges, 169; members, 17, 386; increase, 415.

Joseph E. Moore (Jersey City), G. M.

T. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

22nd Communication, Albuquerque, Oct. 2, 1899.

The Grand Master, Robert C. Stewart, was unavoidably absent. In his address we find the following interesting decisions:

No. 2. Would you kindly inform me as to how far or how much knowledge is necessary for a proficiency lecture—whether a person having the sense and idea of the lecture and the obligation was enough, or whether he should have word for word?

Answer. "Perfection in the lectures" I take the ability to prove oneself a Mason beyond doubt, whether letter and word perfect or not, this perfection of course is desirable for the benefit of the brother and the lodge, but I do not deem it absolutely necessary. If a brother having, as you say, "the sense and idea of the lecture and the obligation," and had besides a deep impression of the seriousness and imperative demands of his Masonic duties and obligations, I certainly would hold him proficient.

No. 3. Lodge prepared and admitted a candidate in due form, but after the first prayer he failed to answer the questions asked him to the satisfaction of the Master, who thereupon directed the Senior Deacon to "do his duty."

Question. Should the lodge return the candidate the initiation fee, he not having received the degree for which he paid?

Answer. If the question asked the candidate is the one I think it is, there can be but one answer satisfactory to Masons. If the candidate could not or would not answer as is required, the Worshipful Master did right—the fee should be returned, and the candidate stand as a profane, as an essential, which is much more necessary than physical perfection seems to be lacking.

A Worshipful Master asked the following question: "The Eastern Star" here had advertised an entertainment for last Saturday night, and I was informed were selling tickets to Masons, also to outsiders, the entertainment to be held in our lodge room, and consisting of dialogues, singing, recitations,

etc. I learned of this only the day prior to the date set, and after consulting several of our members here, I concluded they could not hold the entertainment unless I had your consent. I wrote you that night setting forth the facts, and asking you to wire me your decision, you being out of town, I got no reply, and acting on the advice and judgment of several of our best informed members, I refused to let the affair take place as proposed.

"Kindly let me know if I acted right in the premises."

To this I replied:

"I congratulate you upon your action in the premises, for while you permit the 'Order of the Eastern Star' to hold meetings, and do its work in your lodge room, you can not permit any one to use a dedicated and consecrated lodge room for purposes outside of its legitimate uses, nor can the Grand Master grant this by dispensation."

Brethren, Masonic halls are sacred places where we practice and teach the sublime science of Masonry, they should be jealously guarded and, while the entertainment alluded to would have proved innocent enough, yet it would have been only the entering in of those things that might cause some to regard all too lightly the place that is holy ground.

The Chapter of the Eastern Star mentioned, addressed a communication to me, requesting me to appoint a day on which to meet a representative which they would send to consult with me as to whether it was Masonic or un-Masonic for them to have given the entertainment in the lodge room.

To which I replied:

"It will not be necessary for your chapter to send a representative to consult with me upon the matter in question, for all the acts of your chapter must be held by me as "un-Masonic," as the chapter does not owe its existence to and is not recognized as a Masonic body by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico."

The lodges are generally prosperous and at peace and there is a strong prevailing desire to become thoroughly posted in the work.

The following report on the Gran Dieta of Mexico was adopted:

Your Committee to whom has been referred certain documents from the Gran Dieta of the Republica de Mejico beg leave to report:

Some years ago that Grand Body asked for recognition from this Grand Lodge, but no action was taken. The documents just received seem to assume that we granted recognition: they show that the Gran Dieta is much harassed by rival Grand Lodges seeking to exercise authority over the same territory. The documents clearly show that we should be cautious in giving recognition to any Grand Body in Mexico. Our close proximity to Mexico renders us liable to frequent embarrassment should we make a mistake in any action we may take. The undersigned will be in Mexico quite frequently during the coming year and will make a personal in-

vestigation if permitted by this Grand Lodge and make a full report in time for our next Annual Communication.

We therefore recommend that action be deferred until next year and that until action is taken we instruct our members to be careful in their relations with Mexican Masonry, and that the regular report of this committee be printed in the annual proceedings.

The minimum fee for the degrees in this jurisdiction is \$50.

Perpetual jurisdiction is not favored. One year's residence is all that is required.

Lodges, 20; members, 922; increase, 41.

Elias E. Day (Las Cruces), G. M.

Alpheus E. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1898, to June, 1899.

Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, K.C.M.G., Grand Master.

In the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings for September we find the following:

Generally speaking I have found the work accurately performed, but I regret that in most lodges there is an absence of that impressive solemnity which I trust will, in future, be cultivated in the ceremonial portion of the work. In some matters of detail, such as saluting, the use and abandonment of the S., the use of the G. by the Wardens, the method of leaving and returning to the chairs, the advancement of C. to E. (especially in the E. A. degree) there is much carelessness and apparent indifference.

Upon other points there appears to be a lack of knowledge, and, at the same time, a desire for authorized instruction. As the Lodge of Instruction is not working under G. L. supervision, it does not supply the want. I suggest for the consideration of the Board, that the Lodge of Instruction should be placed under the authority and direct supervision of G. L., or that a Lodge of Exemplification should be formed and warranted by G. L., the officers to be appointed either by the Grand Master or selected by your board. The principal object to be served by such authorized lodge would be the exemplification of the proper methods of working in the different degrees.

In March a revised Constitution was adopted.

A History of Masonry in New South Wales is to be compiled by R. W. Bro. J. B. Trivett, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the practice of attending Church services in regalia meets with

the disapproval of the Grand Lodge and should be discontinued.

In June, 1899, a communication was received from brethren who had formed what they designated "The Grand Lodge of Western Australia." The Board of General Purposes postponed the consideration of the letter sine die.

The applications for relief were 201, and the number assisted 176, to the amount of over \$5,000.

The new Grand Master, Bro. John C. Remington, delivered a very able and interesting address, which gives the condition of affairs in our sister Colony in clear terms, so that we are able to understand their position much better than before. We make the following extracts:

We stand to-night at the parting of the ways. The line of what may be styled Hereditary Grand Masters has ended, and you have for the first time chosen as chief ruler one of yourselves; a partner in the struggles for independence and unity which ended by the formation of our Grand Lodge in 1888; one who had a large share of the work of framing its articles of Union, and who has ever since been a loyal and faithful adherent to the Constitution thus framed.

Having conferred on such an one the highest honor within your gift, you are naturally entitled to look for an adequate return of diligent and continuous work from him in the direction of maintaining and strengthening the solidarity of Freemasonry in this territory. Something more than mere ceremonial attendance at Masonic functions is expected from any Grand Master—in these colonies, at all events—who appreciates aright the responsibilities of his high office. It was for this reason that I was not personally anxious to reach this Chair, and that I hailed my predecessor's wish, twelve months ago, to hold the position for another year almost as a reprieve. I was by no means sure that I could spare the time that the duties demand, leading as I do a busy everyday life; or that I might be deemed a worthy successor of those distinguished brethren who have preceded me as Grand Masters in New South Wales. The spontaneous and general promise of co-operation at once forthcoming reassured by mind on the one point, but as to the other I still have my doubts, which can only be solved one way or other by the practical experience of my term of office.

Our Grand Lodge has in the past been fortunate indeed in its choice of Chief Rulers. First came that illustrious brother, Lord Carrington, who, almost from the day of his arrival in Sydney, continually pointed out the road by which the then divergent sections of Freemasons, owing allegiance to different Grand Lodges, might arrive at the union which found its consummation in that glorious meeting on the 16th of

August, 1888, in the Great Hall of our University. Who could possibly have been a better choice as our Grand Master? Let me say in passing that he still keeps a warm interest in the Craft, and that in 1892 I had the honor and pleasure of assisting him in his capacity as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, and of hearing him speak in glowing terms of his experiences amongst us. His term of office, as Her Majesty's representative, coming to an end in October, 1890, of course left the chair of Grand Master vacant, but there was, fortunately, no doubt as to its next occupant.

In Lord Jersey, who succeeded him as Governor, we found a Freemason not only zealous and ready to accept office, but "well skilled in our Ancient Charges and Regulations, a lover of the craft, able and willing to take the management of the work." It was my privilege to serve under him for a time as Deputy Grand Master, and there must be many here who, like myself, remember his able conduct in the chair, and the almost surprising facility with which he grasped every point submitted to him. Since he left the colony, we have on at least one occasion had the advantage of his voice on our behalf in Councils elsewhere, and his speech showed that his interest was no perfunctory one, but grounded upon intimate knowledge of facts and a glowing zeal for the rights of our Grand Lodge as the supreme Masonic authority in this territory.

The tradition thus established, as to the Governor of the colony, if a Freemason, being offered the Grand Master's chair, was followed by the election of the late Sir Robert Duff in June, 1893. I heard from his own lips, a few evenings before his installation, that he had accepted office from a sense of its being almost a duty to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and that otherwise he would have gladly been relieved of the position. Nevertheless, we remember him as reflecting no discredit on our choice, but fulfilling with dignity and honor all the duties for which the claims of the State left him time and opportunity.

Each of these three heads of the Craft had special assistance from the brother who filled the office of Pro-Grand Master, which our late revival of the Book of Constitutions has abolished, the circumstances which called for its creation appearing to no longer exist. It undoubtedly made it easier for anyone to accept the higher titular office, conscious that most of the work would be done by another; and its abolition, I take it, points to the fact that henceforth the Grand Master will be expected to take his full share of duty.

The last Pro-Grand Master, as you all know, was my illustrious and immediate predecessor, Sir Joseph Abbott, who acted in that capacity for the late Sir Robert Duff from June, 1894, and at his death in March, 1895, naturally succeeded to the higher office of Grand Master, to which he was re-elected in 1896, 1897, and 1898. His position as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, which made him, being also a Freemason of long standing, pre-eminently qualified for the Grand Master's Chair, unfortunately made such demands on his time that,

being also handicapped by ill-health, he was all too seldom able to preside over our deliberations, and his presence here to-night I regard as an especial honor. Nevertheless he has left on record distinct rulings on important points, and his successors in all time to come will gratefully acknowledge the emphatic way in which he asserted the rights and powers of the Grand Master.

The immediate successor of such men as these may well distrust his own abilities; and yet if assured, as I have been, of the loyalty of the lodges far and near, and the hearty acquiescence of the brethren in the choice which their representatives in Grand Lodge have made, he may take his high place with confidence in the cordial and kindly support of officers and members. It is, however, no light responsibility which now rests upon my shoulders.

The union of the craft, which some critics prophesied would fall asunder from internal jealousies, has defied all assaults from without and felt none from within. The example set in New South Wales, preceded only by South Australia, has been followed in Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand, each of which has its own Grand Lodge, independent of, and yet in friendly communication with, the other Grand Lodges of the world.

It must be my task to see that the high reputation of our own Grand Lodge be maintained, but I start under happy auspices. You have given me a team of zealous and intelligent officers, the calibre of whom may perhaps be gauged by the fact that one of them who might have aspired to any rank in Grand Lodge has accepted the comparatively subordinate and yet exceedingly important and onerous position of President of the Board of General Purposes, in order that, as he was good enough to say, he might have the pleasure of strengthening my hands. The feeling of personal good-will to myself, which I so highly value, is, I am assured, shared by all the other Grand Lodge officers, upon whose faithful discharge of their respective duties so much of the success of any Grand Master's term of office depends.

Moreover we commence this year under a revised Book of Constitutions, the result of long and careful study on the part of the committee charged with its preparation, and of subsequent thorough discussion in Grand Lodge. Its main features, so far as they are emphasized by the revision, are: Increased precautions against the admission to our Order of any except fully qualified candidates; and facilities for the better representation of country lodges in the making and administration of our laws.

Furthermore, our various funds are in a state of prosperity. There was a time, after the crisis in 1893, when Freemasonry, like other institutions of our colony, suffered from the effects of the financial panic. Our income fell suddenly; our outlay increased; there were several special and unprecedented expenses thrust upon us; and the lay-by, if any, was small. I hope we have arrived at the end of that state of things.

Our Benevolent Fund amounts to £6,200, and disburses every

year between £1,100 and £1,200 in relief of deserving applicants. None such is ever refused, although Masonry is not a benefit society, and much of our charity is bestowed upon brethren who never contributed one penny to the funds of our Grand Lodge. That they are Masons, and in distress, is the only qualification which guards our system of relief, the total of which during the past eleven years has amounted to over £12,200.

The Grand Lodge fund, from which are defrayed our ordinary working expenses—no light matter when the affairs of 185 lodges through New South Wales are under control, and which has also been available for the relief of distress caused by great catastrophes of flood, fire or shipwreck, now amounts to over £3,200.

Our oldest collateral charity, the Freemasons' Orphan Society, supports 17 children of deceased Masons, and has funds amounting to over £22,000. Our youngest, the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, has now on its books 28 annuitants, aged and distressed Masons, their wives or widows, and holds invested over £5,000, added to every year by the voluntary subscriptions of the fraternity, and, I am bound to say, the generous support of the public to our Annual Festival, which next Thursday will, I hope, yield a return at least equal to that of former years.

We have, as the result of the forethought and liberality of our brethren in bygone days, the Masonic Scholarship at the University, which lately held for three years with so much distinction by the eldest son of our last Deputy Grand Master, is now again open for competition by the sons of Masons in this territory.

The same liberal spirit founded the Cottage Hospital at Camden, an adjunct to the greater Convalescent Home, which was itself the munificent gift of our deceased brother William Henry Paling—a man who carried through all his life the brightest practical adherence to the tenets and principles of our Order, foremost amongst which are Benevolence and Charity. Our little building, opened in 1890, has sheltered 51 patients.

Bro. John B. Trivett, who was honored with appointment of Deputy Grand Master, presented a valuable report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1898 finds a place.

Lodges, 187; members, 7,164; increase, 317.

John C. Remington (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

118 Communication, New York, June 6th, 1899.

William A. Sutherland, G. M.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M. W.

Bros. E. T. Malone, A. A. Stevenson and William Gibson, and V. W. Bro. John A. Cowan.

The address of the Grand Master opens as follows :

In obedience to the Constitution the officers of the Grand Lodge present accounts of their stewardship. These reports show disbursements by the Grand Treasurer amounting to \$77,648.48, leaving a balance in his hands on this date of \$48,298.90. The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum report disbursements in support of the 250 inmates of the Home, and permanent improvements, \$61,557.46, and general expenses amounting to \$3,045.72, with a balance of cash on hand amounting to \$7,919.84, with a reserve fund amounting to \$198,605.38, nearly all invested in bond and mortgages. The Trustees of the Permanent Fund show a balance of \$77,586.19. The aggregate of the funds and investments in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, amounts to \$332,410.31.

In the building and equipment of our Home at Utica we have already expended upwards of \$375,000, and the Temple in which we are now assembled, though not adequate nor wholly suitable to the uses of the craft, was, when built, ample and convenient for the requirements of that day. This building, including the site, reasonably valued at \$1,500,000, brings our entire possessions up to a total of over \$2,200,000.

New lodges were opened at North Tonawanda, Pawling and Plattsburgh.

The resuscitation of the Grand Lodges of Cuba and Puerto Rico was announced by the Grand Master with the liveliest satisfaction. Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

The Grand Master's account of his visit to Zetland Lodge in Toronto is pleasant reading.

The communication of Zetland Lodge in Toronto, which it was my rare privilege to attend, was decidedly unique and most interesting on account of the presence and participation in the work of Most Worshipful E. T. Malone, the Grand Master, and nine of the ten living Past Grand Masters of Masons in Canada. Some three hundred Free Masons were assembled in the lodge room, the walls of which are adorned with oil paintings, life-size, of every Past Grand Master of Canada. Your Grand Master and Senior Grand Deacon were accorded a most royal reception. The designs on the trestle board called for the conferring of the first degree, and though the hands which held the tools were not as deft and supple as those of younger workmen, the spirit nevertheless was there, and each Past Grand Master ceased his allotted share in the work with the well-merited plaudits of the assembled Craftsmen. Our

march to the banquet hall was enlivened by the strains of The Star Spangled Banner, and the hall itself was decorated with the Stars and Stripes as well as the Union Jack, and supported the portraits not only of Victoria the Queen and the Prince of Wales, but also of our own immortal Washington. During the banquet our ears were saluted by the familiar strains of Yankee Doodle, and later all persons joined in singing the words as the orchestra sounded the strains, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*. It goes without saying that the remarks of all the speakers at this Canadian banquet table abounded with expressions of friendship not only for the Grand Lodge of New York, but for the citizens of this our beloved land. Most emphatically were the two from New York reminded that no matter under which flag we chance to dwell, those from either side who stand the test of the Masonic square find themselves within the circumference described by the Masonic compass. As we have the rare privilege of receiving to-day, as our guests, the Grand Master of Masons in Canada, and many of his Past Grand Masters, I need hardly bespeak for them your most cordial, most emphatic and very warmest welcome.

The committee on work and lectures give high praise to the Grand Lecturer, Bro. William H. Whiting, for his faithful services. They also say:

Your Committee believe that the monitorial work should not fail of the attention of the Grand Lodge when occasion seems to require it, and we therefore recommend two additions to our monitorial work. The first has reference to the Preparation Room. The second has reference to the Holy Bible.

The Grand Master, in his encyclical letter to his Deputies—so full of instruction, admonition and wise direction—laid particular stress upon the duties of Masters of Ceremonies in these words:

"With greatest earnestness I urge you to inquire diligently as to the conduct of Masters of Ceremonies. As the Master of the lodge cannot easily leave his station in the East, so he cannot, while the lodge is open and at work, know of all the doings of his Masters of Ceremonies, but in private conversation he should thoroughly inform himself of their practices, and give them instruction, if any be needed. No duty more delicate devolves upon the officer of any lodge than that performed by the Masters of Ceremonies, and no reprimand is too severe to be administered to any one who, in such position, violates any of the proprieties of life or departs in the slightest measure from the conduct befitting a gentleman and a Mason. Indeed, that which should be regarded as intolerable amongst gentlemen should be absolutely impossible amongst Freemasons. Whether this subject can best be attended to in public speech before the lodge or in private conversation with the Master must be left to the sound judgment of the Deputy in each case.'

No true Mason can fail to endorse the sentiments of the Grand Master as just read, therefore we think the candidate

in the Preparation Room should receive some properly worded and dignified intimation of the moral character of the ceremonies of initiation in place of the impromptu information given by the Master of Ceremonies, which sometimes presents a strong contrast to the beautiful English of the Ritual which the candidate hears in the lodge room. Above and beyond all, the Masters of Ceremonies should be restrained from jesting with the candidate. It would seem to us appropriate, and we recommend that the Secretary of the Lodge or some other officer or member be directed to repair to the Preparation Room and address the candidate, before the constitutional questions are propounded, as follows:

"Mr. Blank—Somewhat of your motives, in applying for admission into our ancient and honorable fraternity, we have learned from the declaration, over your signature, contained in your petition; but, in order that you may not be misled as to the character or the purpose of the ceremonies in which you are about to engage, the lodge addresses to you these preliminary words of advice: Freemasonry is far removed from all that is trivial, selfish and ungodly. Her structure is built upon the everlasting foundation of that God-given law—the brotherhood of man in the family whose Father is God. Our ancient and honorable fraternity welcomes to her doors and admits to her privileges worthy men of all creeds and of every race, but she insists that all men shall stand upon an exact equality and receive her instructions in a spirit of due humility, emphasizing, in demeanor, in conduct, in ceremony, and in language, the helpless, groping nature of man at his birth and his need of reliance upon divine guidance through all the transactions of life. You will here be taught to divest your mind and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life, and the lodge into which you are now to be admitted expects you to divest yourself of all those worldly distinctions and equipments which are not in keeping with the humble, reverent and childlike attitude it is now your duty to assume, as all have done who have gone this way before you."

Again, in view of the action of the late Grand Master of Masons in Peru (since happily repealed), and the long to be remembered edict of our Grand Master in relation thereto, and prompted in part by the splendid action of the Grand Lodge of England, with reference to the restoration of the Bible upon the altars of the Lodges in Peru, the committee recommend a few words of instruction to the newly obligated Master Mason as he stands at the altar, entitled to all the light which can be conferred upon or communicated to him in a Master Mason's lodge. At that important and never to be forgotten moment in his Masonic career, let the Worshipful Master of the lodge address him in the following words:

"I particularly direct your attention to the Great Light in Masonry—the Holy Bible. Howsoever men differ in creed or theology, all good men are agreed that within the covers of the Holy Bible are found those principles of morality which lay the foundations upon which to build a righteous life. Freemasonry therefore opens this Book upon its altars, with

the command to each of its votaries that he diligently study therein to learn the way to everlasting life. Adopting no particular creed, forbidding sectarian discussion within her lodge rooms, encouraging each to be steadfast in the faith of his acceptance, Freemasonry takes all good men by the hand, and, leading them to her altars, points to the open Bible thereon, and urges upon each that he faithfully direct his steps through life by the Light he there shall find and as he there shall find it. If from our sacred altars the atheist, the infidel, the irreligious man, or the libertine should ever be able to wrest this Book of Sacred Laws, and thus remove, or even obscure, the greatest Light in Masonry—that light which has for centuries been the rule and guide of Freemasons—we then could no longer claim for ourselves the great rank and title of Free and Accepted Masons; but, so long as that sacred light shines upon our altars, so long as it illuminates the pathway of the craftsmen by the golden rays of truth, so long, and no longer, can Freemasonry live and shed its beneficent influence upon mankind. Guard, then, that Book of sacred and immutable law as you would guard your very life. Defend it as you would the flag of your country. Live according to its divine teachings, with their everlasting assurance of a blessed immortality.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony presented his eleventh report on Correspondence. It is an elaborate review of all the Grand Lodges everywhere, covering 215 pages and full of interesting matters. In addition to all his other duties, Bro. Anthony is the Superintendent of their magnificent Masonic Home at Utica, which has 244 inmates, who are well cared for at an annual expense of about \$45,000. Of his services in this regard the Grand Master says:

Fortunate indeed are we to-day in that men of the highest character and ability have been willing to associate themselves more or less intimately with the management of our Home. In the Superintendent, Most Worshipful Jesse B. Anthony, and his accomplished and estimable wife, we are fortunate beyond fondest expectations. Having kept in close touch with the Home and its management since the day it was opened, and particularly while as Grand Master having made myself intimately acquainted with its management, I do no less than discharge an obvious duty in paying to him a tribute so gloriously earned by the Most Worshipful Brother who stands at the head of this institution and conducts its affairs. Having acquired considerable knowledge of the difficulties he has had to contend with from various sources, it is but scant acknowledgment of the tact, the good judgment, the patience, and the unflagging devotion he and his wife have both displayed to say that their places we can hardly hope ever to fill. They two have been most emphatically one in striving to place the Masonic Home of this jurisdiction on so high a plane as to make it the model for all others upon the American con-

tinent. Notwithstanding our Most Worshipful Brother has been honored by official station the most exalted within the gift of the Grand Lodge, and had already received the highest honor open to Craftsmen in the State of New York by attaining the rank of a Past Grand Master, there still remained for him this great and illustrious work to which he has brought the judgment of his mature years, and in the accomplishment of which the lustre of his service as Grand Master and his fame as the scholarly Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence is dimmed by the more glorious radiance of his administration of our Home.

Canada for 1898 has a good notice. We are much indebted to Bro. Anthony for his valuable table of statistics, but we have only room for the concluding part :

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1896	1897	1898	1899
Grand Lodges.....	57	57	57	57
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,493	12,045	12,186	12,201
Raised.....	41,543	44,556	42,394	43,542
Affiliated.....	17,482	17,422	14,050	13,841
Restored.....	5,804	6,329	6,165	6,632
Died.....	11,262	12,064	12,193	12,542
Dimitted.....	17,449	17,728	16,391	16,889
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	17,944	18,933	19,177	19,122
Suspended and expelled.....	776	832	819	669
Membership.....	783,644	799,885	815,018	833,849

Based upon the tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following percentages :

	1896	1897	1898	1899
Accession by new work.....	5.41	5.69	5.69	5.59
Additions by affiliation and restoration.....	3.03	3.03	2.54	2.63
Losses by death.....	1.47	1.54	1.54	1.61
Losses for non-pay'm't of dues	2.33	2.43	2.01	2.46
Losses by dismission.....	2.27	2.26	2.38	2.17
Net gain of the year.....	2.07	2.21	1.88	1.71

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order:

The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following:

New York	95,480	District of Columbia ..	212
Illinois.....	54,080	Connecticut	158
Pennsylvania	52,060	Rhode Island.....	137
Ohio.....	42,848	New York	128
Michigan	40,387	Massachusetts	125
Massachusetts	39,334	Pennsylvania	121
Missouri	31,360	New Hampshire	120
Texas.....	30,852	Maine.....	114
Indiana.....	29,954	Michigan	104
Iowa	27,907	Delaware	103
Maine	22,191	New Jersey	101
Kansas	20,103	Vermont.....	97
California.....	19,542	Utah	89
Georgia.....	18,611	Ohio	86

The jurisdictions having lodges of the largest membership are in the following order:

Grand Lodge	Subordinate Lodge		Location	Member-ship
	Name	No.		
Minnesota	Minneapolis	19	Minneapolis	816
Connecticut	Hiram	1	New Haven	776
New York.....	Genesee Falls... ..	507	Rochester	720
Illinois.....	Covenant	526	Chicago	673
Michigan.....	Zion	1	Detroit	635
Ohio	Magnolia.....	20	Columbus	604
Kentucky.....	Preston	281	Louisville	560
Washington D.C.	La Fayette.....	19	Washington, D. C.	559
Massachusetts	Roswell Lee....		Springfield	534
Colorado	Denver	5	Denver.....	530
Pennsylvania.....	Washington	59	Philadelphia.....	526
Rhode Island.....	What Cheer ...	21	Providence	523
California	California	1	San Francisco....	485

Lodges, 745 ; members, 98,180 ; increase, 2,700.

Wright D. Pownall (New York), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Hokitika. April 24, 1899.

Richard J. Seddon, G. M.

The amount subscribed by lodges in response to appeals during the past year was about \$4,000.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland had accorded recognition on the same terms as the Grand Lodge of England. These terms were published in our last report.

The Grand Lodge of Hamburg has expressed its willingness to enter into fraternal relations.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland also recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Reports were received from seven Grand Superintendents of Districts. They indicate general prosperity among the lodges. The working is fairly satisfactory, but a uniform ritual is much desired.

At the semi-annual communication, held at Dunedin on Oct. 31, 1899, "undress" regalia was ordered for the Grand Officers.

The ritual question was postponed until next meeting.

An appeal case was thus disposed of:

(3). A complaint having been made by a Past Master against a lodge for having initiated a candidate without having given the notice required by the Book of Constitution, a special meeting of the Board to consider the case was held on May 30th, when, after hearing all the parties, the following verdict was given: "That the offence is hereby declared proved; that the lodge be fined the sum of £5, and be severely censured; and it is ordered that the candidate be re-obligated before receiving the second degree."

Against this verdict the lodge now appeals to Grand Lodge on the following grounds: "That Nos. 1 and 2 are too severe, and No. 3 covers no constitutional power for the Board to order an initiate to be re-obligated."

After discussion the following motion was made by the M. W. Grand Master: "That this Grand Lodge supports the Board of General Purposes in marking its sense of the offending of Lodge of Unanimity. That the Grand Lodge having, however, taken into consideration the whole of the circumstances, regrets that the lodge should have so offended, but, being the first offence, modifies the decision of the Board of General Purposes by reducing the fine to £1, substituting 'admonish' for 'censure,' and upholds the Board in ordering the re-obligating of the brother." Carried.

Lodges, 114; members, 4,916; increase, 367.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon (Wellington), G. M.

Rev. Wm. Donaldson (Dunedin), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

113th Communication, Raleigh, January 9, 1900.

R. J. Noble, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I desire to congratulate the craft on the progress that has been made by the Order during the past Masonic year. New lodges have been established, dormant ones resuscitated, several new halls have been built, old ones refurnished, two magnificent temples erected, many new members added, and a laudable ambition has been manifested on the part of the lodges to procure and conform to the demands of the authorized work of the Grand Lodge.

Three new lodges were formed.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum receives the following notice in the address of the Grand Master:

It is with genuine pleasure that I mention our greatest charity, the Oxford Orphan Asylum—an institution which is the pride of every Mason in North Carolina—which was founded by our Order, is our property, and is under our management. Within its walls are the 219 jewels which are so precious to the craft and for whose welfare we work so diligently. Brethren, the Asylum is now in better shape than ever before. The Masons of North Carolina have so rallied to its support, in answer to appeals for aid, that it is now practically out of debt. No money has been borrowed this year for the support of the orphans, and the directors have managed so well that they have paid a goodly sum on the old debt, and I am sure that at an early day the sums promised by individuals and the Subordinate Lodges for the erection of the girls' buildings will all be paid, and then the Asylum will be entirely out of debt.

The receipts for the past three years are as follows: 1897, \$22,587.78; 1898, \$23,956.85; 1899, \$24,949.14. From this you see that your Asylum still continues to grow steadily in favor with the Craft and the general public.

Two bequests have been made during the year to the Asylum—one by Brother David Oettinger, of Wilson, of \$100; the other by Mr. Samuel Fogle, of Winston, of \$50.

There are 211 children being taken care of in the Asylum at a per capita cost per year of \$66.63.

Bro. John A. Collins reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1899.

Lodges, 311; members, 11,360; increase, 406.

B. S. Royster (Oxford), G. M.

NORTH DAKOTA.

10th Communication, Fargo, June 20, 1899.

George H. Keyes, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Secretary says:

During the year five new lodges have been established. These facts show that Masonry in North Dakota is having a steady and healthy growth. Our increase is not so large as to indicate a fevered or unhealthy temporary condition, but a condition which is solid and substantial and more gratifying to the Craft than a growth which would not stand the ravages of time and a change of conditions.

Their finances are in a better condition than ever before.

The Grand Lecturer held numerous schools of instruction, but he thinks that the district system is somewhat of a failure, and that each lodge should have at least one day's school.

The Scottish Rite bodies in Fargo are erecting a Masonic Temple and they generously offered to the Grand Lodge the free use of an office for the Grand Secretary and rooms for the Library.

Lodges, 55; members, 3169; increase, 298.

John A. Percival (Devil's Lake), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

34th Communication, Annapolis, June 14, 1899.

Thomas B. Flint, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address contain some interesting historical reminiscences.

Not only is the present moment grateful to our senses, but the past haunts us in this historic spot—flashing across our minds its pictures of health and storm, of siege and conquest. of weary years of patient toil as the forests fell before the axe, as the protecting dyke rose around the misty marshes and the wilderness and waste places became glad with happy homes and smiling harvests. The war shriek of the savage has died away and the fierce yell of the locomotive whistle has taken its place. Where once the emblazoned lilies of France waved in the breeze near this very spot, now the red-cross flag of Britain proclaims another sovereignty, as well as other social and industrial conditions.

One cannot reflect without emotion upon the long and painful years that have gone to live in memory, and which represent the toils and sorrows of generations whose hearts once throbbed beneath this sky and whose forms are mouldering beneath this dust. In the golden haze of distance they have become ennobled as well as immortal.

This locality is connected not merely with the first history

of organized government in North America, but with "the first glimmerings of Masonry" on this continent as well.

Nearly three hundred years ago some ancient brother deposited upon the shore of Goat Island, at a spot probably visible from this building, a stone, bearing deeply indented on its face the Masonic emblems—the Square and Compass—with the date in figures 1606.

This unique souvenir from that long-buried past was discovered after it had lain for over two centuries buried in the sand. In 1827 it was brought to Annapolis and became the property of the late Judge Haliburton. Its eventful history since then I cannot now pause to recount, but that it links the Masonic history of this community with that distant era in the world's history is a matter of profound interest to us.

In the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1891 a valuable historical paper by R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, G. S., of that jurisdiction, is published dealing with this matter.

One hundred and fifty years ago this very town of Annapolis Royal was represented before the Masonic authorities in Boston asking for a warrant to open a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons here, and from Annapolis Royal in 1750 was issued the first charter for a lodge of Masons in Halifax. The library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contains an ancient volume—worth its weight in gold—published in 1786. It is entitled "A Record of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia." It contains an account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia from the first settlement to that date. It informs us that in 1750 a number of the brethren residing in Halifax met with Governor Cornwallis almost as soon as there were any houses erected there and petitioned Erasmus James Phillips, of Annapolis Royal, Provincial Grand Master, for a warrant to hold a lodge in Halifax. The warrant was received by them in July, 1750, and Governor Cornwallis as long as he resided in Nova Scotia was Master of this lodge.

Now to-day, a century and a half after, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the successor of the lodge established by the warrant, and whose Grand Master might, without a stretch of Masonic truth, be called the successor to the Provincial Grand Master of 1750, at Annapolis Royal, meets in Annapolis Royal. We are here rejoicing over a year of good work done, a year when harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

The accounts show an improved condition in their finances. The trustees of Masonic Hall reduced the debt by \$1,000. The reports of the District Deputies show a commendable spirit of industry in the matter of visitations.

The Grand Lodge of Belgium was recognized.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick relative to the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges.

A similar committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of a consolidation with the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The report on Correspondence is by Bros. T. V. B. Bingay and W. E. Thompson. Bro. Bingay gives our Proceedings of 1898 a very cordial notice, with extracts from the reports. It is quite evident from his concluding remark that Bro. Bingay is not a Presbyterian.

Lodges, 61; members, 3397; increase, 14.

Thomas B. Flint (Yarmouth), G. M.

Hon. William Ross (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

90th Communication, Toledo, Oct. 25, 1899.

E. C. Gulliford, G. M.

In refined and beautiful language the Grand Master pays an eloquent tribute to the excellence of our Fraternity.

The institution which we represent to-day stands pre-eminent among the benevolent and fraternal societies of the world. Its acts of humanity are not confined to any land or kindred tongue, but reach to every clime where the god of day sends forth his shining arrows. It is found in every form and system of civilized government, and extends the hand of friendship to the rich or poor alike, be he a man. It dispenses untold charity among its members when in distress; it extends heartfelt sympathy and binds up the wounds of the afflicted; it lays to rest its fraternal dead, and drops the tear of affection upon the coffin of a departed brother; it counsels the living and protects its widows and orphans. Its golden wings of humanity and brotherly affection spread abroad and cover its members, whether in sickness or in health, in prosperity or adversity, and through the tender mercy of a loving God when the sands of life have ebbed to their finish, when the silver thread of life is broken and the disenfranchised spirit soars aloft, it consigns the soul to that higher temple in the Paradise, above the skies, and in the great East resplendent in glory, it will receive the final degree of Masonry from our Supreme Grand Master of heaven and earth.

They mourn the death of one of their most prominent members, Bro. Enoch T. Carson:

Full of years of glowing grandeur, ripe in acquirements of Masonic literature and classic lore, he stood a magnificent pillar of Masonic greatness, blending in his person the skill of the wise Craftsman, the integrity of the upright citizen, and the virtues of a friend. He was the glory of his family, a companion and friend whom you could clasp to you heart with joy, and a citizen to whom any community could justly point

with honest pride. A scholar of rare attainments, he acquired all that the human mind was capable of grasping, while his delightfully kind and gentle wit graced the wisdom of a thoughtful and laborious career.

The ranks of their Past Grand Masters was also broken by the death of Bro. Charles C. Kiefer, who had held the chief position in all the Masonic bodies in Ohio, and who was widely known and esteemed as one of the most faithful and able members of the Craft.

We are very glad to know that clandestine Masonry in Ohio is fast becoming a thing of the past. The lodges are closing their doors and the members openly renouncing allegiance to these so-called Masonic bodies.

The lodge in Delaware has a magnificent Masonic Temple, the gift of one of their members, Bro. Sidney Moore.

New lodges were formed at Collingwood and Toronto. Collingwood is the terminus of the Buffalo and Toledo divisions of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, and has a population of over 3,500. Toronto is a thriving little city of about 4,000 inhabitants, on the Ohio river, and on the line of the Pennsylvania Railway. May they prosper.

The Ohio Masonic Home has 129 inmates. The cost of maintaining the Home during the past year, including betterments, was about \$20,000, or 45 cents per capita on all Master Masons in good standing in the State. The Grand Lodge donated \$4,000 to the Home.

Bro. Stacker Williams, who has collected a large and valuable Masonic library of several thousand volumes, generously made a gift of it to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham again reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1898 has fraternal notice.

Lodges, 501; members, 44,201; increase, 1,353.

E. L. Lybarger (Spring Mountain), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

7th Communication, Oklahoma, Feb. 14, 1899.

Enoch M. Bamford, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The work for the past year in the Masonic field has been a pleasure to your Grand Master. I have not found that onerous duty of answering letters asking unnecessary questions,

which is the usual complaint of many Grand Masters. During the year very few questions have been asked me outside of those in his address. The year has been one of prosperity for the Craft in this grand jurisdiction. Our membership has increased both by initiation and affiliation, and I think it can be said that the material received will prove to be living stones in the Masonic temple in Oklahoma.

I think I can say with truthfulness that our lodges are over average in the work of Masonry and in transacting their business. It is true that some little irregularity has found its way into three of our lodges. Still these same members of our Masonic family in Oklahoma have been ready, very anxious and willing to correct their error at the earliest opportunity.

Our increase in the number of lodges in the last year has been over 25 per cent. Two of these lodges are at county seat towns with a starting membership of 23 each, and the others are in growing towns and villages, with every prospect of maintaining a healthy and steady growth. I believe our membership will be very materially increased this year. Our prospect for new lodges the coming year is bright at the present time.

Eight new lodges were formed. The following resolution on work was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the committee on work, on or before the first day of the regular session of the Grand Lodge, to select a team, eminently qualified for such work, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work of the third degree in the proper manner, on the evening of the first day's session of the Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1898, Bro. James S. Hunt has the following:

The reports of the D. D. G. M. are exceptionally thorough and full; there are fewer "I regret" in them than in any D. D. G. M. reports we ever remember to have read; certainly they are doing good work in the Province of Ontario.

Bro. Hunt also gives his views on some of the questions now being discussed:

As we have heretofore expressed our opinion upon most of the other and older questions, upon which Masonry is still at sea, we will pass them with a simple expression of our individual sentiments. The main proposition, making five years the limit of jurisdiction over rejected candidates we are in favor of. The adoption of this proposition by the several Grand Lodges, if it did nothing more, would bring us one step nearer the Mecca of Masonic harmony.

Drastic laws against non-affiliates we look upon as an impotent expression of a proper indignation against this growing evil, but otherwise actually barren of results.

The Wisconsin plan of relief we would not endorse, as the charity that expends the other fellow's money is hardly of a divine origin.

Suspension from all the rights, benefits and prerogatives of Masonry for the non-payment of dues, we denounce as un-Masonic. It is a travesty upon that fundamental principle of Masonic and civil law, which protects every man and Mason in his rights, until proven guilty by due trial and conviction. Suspension from all lodge privileges would be a just punishment for a failure to help bear the burdens of a lodge.

8th Communication, Oklahoma, Feb. 13, 1900.

W. L. Eagleton, G. M.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction was given an opportunity to have a school of instruction, and a large number took advantage of the offer.

Six new lodges were formed.

A Board of Trustees was appointed to take charge of the funds for a Masonic Home voted by the lodges.

The formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge was not favored, and the Grand Lodge also declined to adopt the system of having Grand Representatives.

Lodges, 48; members, 2140; increase, 248.

Wm. M. Anderson (Enid), G. M.

J. S. Hunt (Stillwater), G. S.

OREGON.

49th Communication, Portland, June 14, 1899.

John B. Cleland, G. M.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That whenever the Master of a subordinate lodge shall find a child of a Mason in the jurisdiction of his lodge which needs assistance in obtaining an education, it shall be his duty to report the same to the Grand Master. The Grand Master, and Committee on Educational Fund shall examine into all such cases, and on the 1st of September and February of each year shall appropriate to such children such sums as in their judgment are required for their assistance: Provided, that the total amount so appropriated shall not exceed the total amount of the income from the Educational Fund for the preceding six months.

An amendment to the Constitution providing that the "perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates should be limited to a term of five years, was rejected by a vote of 42 to 59.

All laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge referring to a Past Master's Degree were repealed.

The office of Grand Lecturer was abolished and three Custodians of the work are to take his place, each hav-

ing charge of a certain district, and with a six years' term of office.

In his review of Illinois, Bro. Robert has the following:

It would seem that an innovation had been introduced by some of the lodges in shape of robes, uniforms, military drills, inappropriate music, superfluous appliances and paraphernalia, which received, as it should, the condemnation of the Grand Master, which was strongly emphasized by the Committee on his Address. This disposition on the part of Ancient Craft Lodges to ape the theatrical scenes and gaudy display of ephemeral institutions bearing no relation and having no resemblance to Masonry, either in letter or spirit, merits the severest condemnation, not only because it is an innovation, but because it diverts the mind from the contemplation of the principles of morality taught in the work, and thus the sublime lessons involved in the initiatory ceremonies in the several degrees become of secondary importance, if not entirely overlooked.

Lodges, 99; members, 5095; increase, 49.

John M. Hodson (Portland), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Just one month after his installation as Grand Master, Bro. Henry W. Williams was called to the rest beyond. At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1899, the Grand Lodge passed appropriate resolutions expressive of the high esteem in which he was held and of their great sorrow at his loss.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1899.

George E. Wagner, Acting G. M.

This Grand Lodge does not participate in any public demonstration and therefore declined to join in the Washington Centennial in Virginia, as appears by the following extracts from the letter of the Acting Grand Master:

Philadelphia, August 14, 1899.

Mr. A. R. Courtney, Richmond, Virginia:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother—I have received your esteemed and fraternal favor of the 9th inst. Of course it would be a great pleasure to meet you and discuss any subject with you, but so far as the matter of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania participating in the public ceremonies in connection with the Washington celebration is concerned, I must say to you frankly that nothing can be said or done that will alter our decision. Worshipful Brother Sener, both in person and by let-

ter and circular, gave us full information, and we doubt the ability of anyone to present it more fully or clearly. The reason given in my letter to your Most Worshipful Grand Master is the correct one, and there is "nothing else" held back. In Pennsylvania the Grand Lodge never appears in public, and, by its constitution, it forbids its subordinates to do so. We cannot do otherwise than decline your fraternal invitation.

Anticipating your thought that the statement made is inconsistent with the fact that corner-stones are laid in public and funerals are in public, and that our brethren participate in them, I say that neither Grand Lodge nor lodges, as such, do so. In the case of corner-stones, the Grand Master, or the brother having his authority, calls to his assistance such brethren as he sees proper, and the stone is laid. It must, from the nature of things, be done outside of the tyled lodge room.

In case of the death of a brother, the Master of the lodge calls the members, who attend the funeral as brethren, not as a lodge, because there can be no lodge outside of a tyled room, and it is, of course, impossible to bury except in a cemetery.

These two occasions, where Pennsylvania Masons may appear in public, are provided for in our Ahiman Rezon, or Book of Constitution; no others are. Under the well-known rule, "In Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited," there can be no public appearances of brethren except for these purposes.

Some one recently sent me a Richmond paper, in which I noticed the statement that all Grand Lodges, except Pennsylvania, had decided to participate. We regret that we should be so conspicuous as we, in every possible manner endeavor to avoid publicity, and so far as we can repress all disposition for newspaper statements of our doings or purposes, believing that all Masonic business and work should be attended to behind closed doors.

Again let me assure you that there is nothing else held back, and that my official decision is in complete accord with my private feeling and judgment, and also that it is final. I am very much pleased with the fraternal spirit of your letter, and fully reciprocate your kind sentiments.

The address of the Acting Grand Master also contains the following :

Several curious and unlooked-for developments occurred during the year, showing strange views concerning the Masonic Institution.

In one case a lodge voted a donation from its funds to the Town Improvement Association for the purpose of booming the town in which it is located. Of course such perversion of Masonic funds could not be permitted, and the Worshipful Master was immediately telegraphed to stop the delivery of the money, which seemed to be quite a surprise to him and his lodge, but of course they promptly complied.

In another case a lodge decided to issue notices by postal

cards that on a certain day it was to take charge of the religious services at a certain place; as there was a difference of opinion among the members as to the propriety of this, it came before me, and I repeated former decisions that lodge notices "must not be sent on postal cards, nor advertised in the newspapers" (see Ahiman Rezon, page 187). I also advised the brethren that a lodge, as such, could not conduct religious services. The brethren are, of course, admonished to attend religious services at their several places or worship on all convenient occasions, but a lodge, as such, has no power or authority to assume the charge of any such service and notify its members to attend.

Another curious development was a request that permission be given for the formation and existence of a "Line Officers' Association," that is to say, an association composed of Masters and Wardens of lodges. This seems to be the mere copying of a scheme that has already been engrafted on other societies. Of course, no such permission was given; the Masonic Institution provides for a Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges; nothing else can be organized or recognized. It is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations. The establishment of a Line Officers' Association would be an innovation. It would be a useless appendage, so far as any good to the craft was concerned, and might be very harmful.

Another departure from the simplicity of our usages and practices is taking place in the matter of the lodge notice, which is gradually, under apparent competition between the lodges, becoming anything but "a thing of beauty and joy forever;" on the contrary, it is a thing of ugliness and grief; and, for the purpose of calling a halt, I will, during the coming year, refer the matter to the Committee on By-Laws, to prepare a proper form, which, if adopted by Grand Lodge, will be forwarded to all lodges, and compliance therewith insisted on, so that the present incongruous combinations may be prohibited and prevented. Some of them are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

They have 39 District Deputies who keep the Craft in good shape.

In his review of Maine, Bro. James M. Lamberton re-asserts their antiquity:

1. There was a Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, Brother Daniel Coxe, appointed by the Grand Master of England in the year 1730 (June 5), and there were Masonic lodges at work in Philadelphia during that year.

2. Brother Henry Price was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New England in the year 1733 (April 30).

From the above we draw the irresistible conclusion that Brother Coxe warranted the Philadelphia lodges.

We assert an undeniable fact when we say that there were

lodges in Pennsylvania before there were any in Massachusetts or elsewhere in America.

Lodges, 433; members, 53,446; increase, 1386.

George E. Wagner (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

24th Communication, Charlottetown, June 26, 1899.

Leonard Morris, G. M.

The Grand Master of New Brunswick, M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall was received with all the honors due to such a distinguished visitor.

On the subject of Negro Masonry, the following report was adopted:

That the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island affirms its adherence to the doctrine of Grand Lodge Territorial Jurisdiction, which the experience of a century on this continent has proven to be a wise and wholesome doctrine, whereby Grand Lodges have been enabled to dwell together in peace and harmony. That we view with regret the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in the abrogation and setting aside of this doctrine by the recognition of dual Grand Lodges in a large number of the jurisdictions.

That the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island trusts that the Grand Lodge of Washington have already taken such actions as will restore that peace and harmony which have ever characterized the family of American Grand Lodges.

A committee was appointed to discuss the matter of union with the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Lodges, 13; members, 526; no increase or decrease.

John A. Messervey (Charlottetown), G. M.

Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

30th Communication, Montreal, January 31, 1900.

Benjamin Tooke, G. M.

He mentions the death of M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, their first Grand Master and the distinguished brother to whose efforts the successful organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was largely due. In the Grand Lodge of Canada Bro. Graham occupied a prominent place and was greatly esteemed for his ability and his many good qualities. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for nine years. We extend our

sincere sympathy to our Quebec brethren in the great loss they have sustained by his death.

On the situation between Quebec and England, the Grand Master has the following remarks:

In our own jurisdiction we have nearly sixty lodges on the register of this Grand Lodge, pursuing an honorable course and endeavoring to extend the usefulness of our fraternity. In addition to this there are three lodges still holding allegiance to England, under a government 3,000 miles away, which contribute to the general and benevolent funds of that Grand Body, and which are daily receiving material that by every written and expressed opinion belongs to this Grand Lodge.

The question naturally follows: Why do these three lodges stand aloof and refuse to join the great majority of Masons in this province and the general work of our fraternity? The only reason advanced so far is sentiment, and the opinion openly expressed by several earnest Masons is that isolation from us does not meet with universal favor among the members of these three lodges, owing in the first place to the general change of feeling throughout the Craft; and, secondly, to the knowledge that the best interests of Masonry would be served by united action. Further, if personal feelings and individual interests were not considered, and the fact realized that we are all descended from the same Mother Grand Lodge, and, above all, that we are Canadians, this long standing difference could be settled.

It is well known that the Grand Lodge of England is desirous that all lodges in this jurisdiction should be on the register of this Grand Lodge. She has encouraged this course by the refusal to appoint a successor to the late Hon. Justice Badgley, by the refusal to issue warrants for any new lodges in the jurisdiction, and still more pointedly in the recent amendment to her Constitution, plainly setting forth the honorable and constitutional procedure for all her subordinate lodges in the colonies of foreign parts desiring to cast in their lot with recognized Grand Lodges. The amendment reads as follows:

218B. Whenever Grand Lodge shall, with the assent of the Grand Master, recognize a Grand Lodge as a regular and independent sovereign body, having jurisdiction in any colony or foreign part where a District Grand Lodge or lodges in a district exists, and the Grand Master shall signify it is not his intention to grant for the future any warrant for a new lodge in that jurisdiction, the following rules shall apply:

1. Within six months after recognition the Master or every lodge in such jurisdiction shall convene a special meeting of the lodge on not less than 21 days' notice to every member, failing, the Master, the District Grand Master or the acting Deputy shall convene such meeting and preside thereat.

2. The brethren present at such meeting, whose names appear as subscribing members on the last return filed with the Grand Secretary, shall decide whether they desire that the lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not. If the decision be to join the new Grand Lodge, the brethren

shall at the same meeting decide in whom the property and effects of the lodge shall be vested; and the warrant shall forthwith be returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master. A majority of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to carry such resolution.

3. No questions shall be discussed or put at such meeting other than those above prescribed.

England entered into certain arrangements with the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time of her official recognition. The same terms were offered to this Grand Lodge in 1875, but declined by us in the hope that every subordinate lodge then existing would join this Grand Lodge and establish unconditional recognition. All handed in their warrants except the three now referred to, and to the continued refusal of these lodges must be laid the responsibility of a divided body of Masons in this province.

The state of the Craft is thus noted by the Grand Master:

"In no part of the jurisdiction can I point to the slightest element of discord. Our country is prosperous and the Craft at large is sharing in that prosperity; the brethren generally speaking are zealous in their work and the opinion universally shared points to an improved condition in the majority of lodges and their members. Close attention is paid to ritual, and a most desirable spirit of rivalry exists among the lodges as to who can be most impressive in their work. Situated as we are in a section of the world where the great majority is at present hostile to our fraternity, a net gain of almost 50 per cent. in our membership in the last decade is most encouraging."

Among the most important items of business discussed was legislation looking to the acquisition of the Masonic Temple as a permanent possession of the Grand Lodge, and the founding of a permanent benevolent fund, by a contribution from each member of ten cents per month.

The Grand Lodge contributed \$300 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Benjamin Tooke (Montreal), G. M.

John H. Isaacson (Montreal), G. S.

(The official Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have not yet come to hand. For the information given above we are indebted to the Canadian Craftsman of February, 1900.)

RHODE ISLAND.

109th Communication, Providence, May 15, 1899.
Cyrus M. Van Slyck, G. M.

The lodges are in a healthy and flourishing condition and the brethren are living together in peace and harmony and working for the advancement of the Craft.

The special committee on balloting presented the following amendment to the Constitution, which will be presented for adoption at the next half-yearly meeting.

A ballot box shall be provided with a drawer, which shall contain the supply of white and black ballots, and with a hooded compartment in which a brother can deposit his ballot without the possibility of its nature being discovered by any person whatsoever. The Senior Deacon shall collect the ballots from the first three officers of the lodge, and then place the box upon the altar, and the Master shall notify the members of the lodge to cast their ballots. The Senior Deacon shall keep a tally of the number of the officers and members who cast their votes, and when the balloting has ceased shall take the box to the Master, and at the same time inform him of the number that have voted. If the ballot is found by the Master to be unanimous, or if there is more than one black ballot, and the number of ballots corresponds with the number reported, no further action shall be taken. If there is but one black ballot the Master may upon the presumption that mistake has been made, order a second ballot, which shall be conclusive; Provided, however, that if there shall be found in the box more ballots than the number reported by the Senior Deacon, the Master shall state the fact to the lodge, declare the ballot void, and the ballot shall not be taken again upon the petition of the same candidate until the next regular communication of the lodge.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 37; members, 5,220; increase, 58.

Milton Livsev (Providence), G. M.

Edwin Baker (Providence), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 19, 1899.

Samuel J. Way, G. M.

Congratulations were extended to the Grand Master on his recovery from a dangerous illness.

Relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

The lodges are carrying out the ritual in a creditable manner.

Lodges, 41; members, 2,405; increase, 73.

Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

123rd Communication, Charleston, Dec. 12, 1899.

Bartlett J. Witherspoon, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The past year has not been distinguished by anything beyond ordinary events; still the Craft has prospered, and Masonry was never in a more flourishing condition within the jurisdiction. This prosperity is evidenced by the harmony and good feeling which exists in most of the subordinate lodges.

My official acts have been few in comparison with my predecessors, owing in a great measure to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in codifying, and publishing the Laws and Code, and arranging them for ready reference. If consulted and read by the Worshipful Masters, little trouble will be experienced in coming to a correct conclusion of Masonic Law and Usage.

Our foreign relations continue undisturbed, and are of the most gratifying character. Your attention is fraternally invited to the able and interesting report of R. W. Brother Inglesby, Grand Secretary, which will be submitted at this communication, and I earnestly invite the attention of every brother to so admirable a review—giving the Craft information with reference to Masonry all over the world. The reports of our able and efficient R. W. Treasurer, Secretary, and Hall Committees, will furnish all required information, relative to the finances of the Grand Lodge.

Two new lodges were formed. Out of the 18 District Deputies, only three reported to the Grand Master as required by the Constitution, but reports from all of them appear in the Proceedings.

Bro. Henry A. de Saussure, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, delivered the following instructive address on Masonry in that island:

Historical and political events have fixed attention on, and aroused interest in, Cuba.

Tyranny, misgovernment, treachery, have produced their human and Masonic fruit; abhorrence of misused power, vindication of the down-trodden, admiration for fortitude, and for those bravely bearing hardships.

Beyond these general reasons, Cuba has special interest for this Grand Lodge, since Masonry was introduced there—if not first, at least contemporaneously with Pennsylvania in 1804, by establishment there of lodges and other bodies under the Supreme Council of 33d Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Mother Supreme Council of the World, whose See is at Charleston, S. C. The Blue Lodges so established fell into desuetude, or became extinct, and this Grand Lodge in February, or early in March, 1818, on application dated 15th of March, 1817, issued its dispensation to La Constancia Lodge, "to be known as No. 50 on our Register," at Havana; and in

March, 1820, issued its Warrant to La Aménidad Lodge, No. 52, at Havana. No. 50 remained for years on the roll of this Grand Lodge, then became extinct. No. 52 enrolled itself under the "Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons in Havana," in 1821-2, by consent of this body.

Since then the Masonic intercourse between South Carolina and Cuba has been cordial and friendly, each Grand Lodge generally having an accredited representative near the other.

A more particular narrative of these relations now would divert attention from facts of greater present interest, but the "History of Freemasonry in South Carolina," the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, specially of 1872, 1876, 1877, 1880 and 1891 afford ample information for those desiring it.

Such close historical connection with Cuban Masons, those, so to say, who have gone from this Temple, this "triple cord," must incite interest in their welfare, and tidings of how they have fared, how "Kept the Faith," be welcome, even should it prove that the story bear no greater value.

Sitting here to-night FREEMEN, in the safety and privacy that fact assures; "Tyled" indeed, but practically as a formality, it is hard to realize that such an officer and all the precautions against "cowens and eavesdroppers" were, long even lately, necessary for bodily safety, in a country so near as Cuba; yet such is fact. "Truth is stranger than fiction."

Philip II. raised Spain to its pinnacle of power and glory, but he stamped on its crown, as motto, "SUBMISSION, soul and body, OR RUIN," adopted, blindly followed, by his successors, weaker men, in more enlightened times. Spanish history, made under this pole star, shows despotic Spain regarding Freemasonry as the pioneer of freedom; in thought at least, the Tyrant's Nemesis; its assemblages as inimical political gatherings. Unnumbered edicts have forbidden Masonry in all Spanish domains; the one most pertinent to this occasion, dated 1st August, 1824, unenforced in Cuba till 1st November, 1828. On that day the Grand Lodge of Cuba was destroyed; its books, records and papers burned. Masonic martyrdom began; persecution was everywhere, at times with ferocity, then secretly and silently, ever unforgetting, unforgiving, unrelenting. A "Mason" was a "suspect;" meetings were difficult and dangerous, therefore few; the light burned low, but potent. This continued for thirty years, and though there were Masons left, naturally the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Bodies, by deaths, want of meeting, elections, etc., etc., became extinct. South Carolina, again on petition, chartered a lodge at Santiago, where Cervera took refuge; violent persecution ceased, and though proscribed, the Order slowly but surely recuperated.

In 1868 it was comparatively strong, then fresh political troubles disturbed the island; Masons excited government suspicion. Without warning, without even pretense of trial, the Grand Master and nineteen others were seized and shot, at the village of Cobre, opposite Santiago, persecution was renewed.

On March the 5th, 1870, while holding a Lodge of Sorrow for

their murdered Grand Master, St. Andrew's Lodge at Havana was attacked by a mob; fifty-two of its members or attendants were arrested, and, escorted by Spanish troops, cast into prison, and orders issued for their trial. There their conduct was such that the jailor and physician sought admission to the Order, and were made Masons in the prison itself. Jesuit priests were sent to convert (?) these prisoners, one sermon was preached alms were asked by them and given by those in jail, with the request "that the chapel be cleansed of its filth, so that God could be adored in a cleanly place. The gift was accepted, the chapel cleansed, but the priests returned no more." Perhaps the rebuke was felt.

The judge who conducted their trial was a Cuban; he found them guiltless, so informed the Spanish Viceroy, and of his intention to liberate them; immediately this judge was banished to Spain, but before his departure, on his petition, one of the Wardens and six brethren who had escaped capture, opened a lodge in the cabin of the steamer which carried him away, and made him a Mason.

Cuban Masons in Marseilles pleaded the cause of their imprisoned brethren, thus their plight came before General Prim, one of the Regents of Spain, himself a 33 degree Mason, and by his order cabled to Havana, the imprisoned members of St. Andrew's Lodge were released, after one hundred days' incarceration.

After that no Masonic gathering dared use the Temple. The Government confiscated it in 1871; the splendid library of St. Andrew's Lodge was given to the University; its organ to a foundling asylum; its jewels and everything else to friends of the confiscators.

Till recently the cemeteries in Cuba were controlled by the Roman Catholic church; its priests ex-communicated the Masons, denied them burial in the cemeteries beside family and friends, and graves were of necessity found, where they could be, in common ground.

About the time of the St. Andrew's Lodge trouble, Bro. Claudio Vermay was arrested and sent to prison, charged with spreading "pernicious doctrines"; he was ex-professor of the University, a learned, meritorious, gray-headed man; his "pernicious doctrines" were advocacy and organization of educational improvement through the Havana Lodges. Nothing seditious was proved; he was pardoned, not acquitted.

The Masonic press also fell under the bann; one paper was then published in Havana, supported by the Craft; its circulation difficult.

One day the police entered the office, confiscated the copies printed, carried away the type and press, thrust the editor into prison; he, a Frenchman, through intervention of his consul, was banished the island.

Through all this Masonry lived. The next step was the institution—through a Masonic traitor and Spanish instrumentality—of clandestine lodges recruited from government employes; this failed to sow discord—rather drew the true Masons closer.

On 25th July, 1877, the Grand Lodge of Cuba was surprised during its Annual Communication, one hundred and eighty Masons fell into Spanish hands, but were soon liberated by Gen. Jovellar, a Mason, the chief of police having acted without orders.

The Island and Spain became reconciled in 1878, and the government assumed a benevolent attitude. Grand Lodges were established, one in Spain even; a new library was collected in Havana, a Temple was contemplated; Masonry had survived.

But in 1895 war once more commenced between Cuba and Spain; the cruel prosecution of which by one, and resolute resistance by the other, are current topics, needing no recital here. Its first effect on the Craft was outlawing of Masons, and decree in April, 1895, forbidding all their meetings. These were publicly abandoned, but privately held till Gen. Weyler came fresh from Spain, impressed with that motto: "SUBMISSION, soul and body, OR RUIN." but

"Old times were gone, old manners changed,"

save for that once powerful monarchy, surrounded by allies in thought and aim, now decayed and powerless, alike in self and allies.

Weyler used the ancient despot's solvent force, coercion. Masons were banished, still a Grand Master was chosen. He was a Spaniard, Mayor of Havana, hampered by official and conflicting duties, and by his position: he was no traitor, but was indeed a man who "assumed burdens he could not bear;" again the pall fell.

This pall was raised by result of the war between the United States and Spain, disclosing a quickly reorganized Grand Lodge, in communication at Havana, on March 26th, 1899, and twelve hundred as the number of the faithful who through all these trials have "KEPT THE FAITH."

The Grand Secreary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1898, giving us compliments on our Relief system.

Lodges, 185; members, 6056; increase, 216.

Orlando Sheppard (Edgefield), G. M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

25th Communication, Yankton, June 13, 1899.

Louis G. Levoy, G. M.

Every lodge in the State was visited by a Grand Officer, and after noting this fact, the Grand Master says:

The reports make interesting reading, some startling facts being presented, and the condition of each lodge financially, as well as the interest of members in their welfare made very plain.

The work used in the jurisdiction is almost unanimously that adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The fees and dues vary according to the locality and home of the members, fees ranging from \$25 to \$60 for the degrees and dues from \$1 to \$6 per annum.

The greatest menace to the welfare of the lodges appears to be the amount of unpaid dues carried by so many of the lodges. It is from this source that we have so many suspensions, each year increasing in numbers, and I cannot but charge it up to the negligence of the Secretaries who permit such a state of affairs to exist, and who, if they are guided by or paid attention to the laws as they stand, such a condition would be impossible.

The total unpaid dues to-day owing the the several lodges amount to \$10,689.50.

The remarks of the Grand Master on Intemperance and the Want of Interest in Lodges are well worthy of attention.

The next subject is intemperance. I regret to say that I have found considerable of it, and in the hope of lessening it mention it here. To be a good man and Mason is to be temperate. It should be beneath the dignity of a true Mason to lower himself in his own estimation and that of his friends by intoxication. It brings reproach upon the fraternity, and the finger of scorn is pointed at our grand institution for harboring such an individual. You will say that we have laws that deal with such, as a Masonic offense. Yes, my brethren, but how often are these laws invoked, and if they are what is the result? Acquittal in most cases, and a recurrence, to the shame and dishonor of Masonry. To particularize: On one occasion the W. M. of a lodge I shall not name complained of this very case. I immediately asked him why he did not proceed as his code very plainly showed him to do. He said it would be no use, as a certain clique in the lodge would acquit him, and justice would not be done; that he feared that if anything was done it would cause graver dissensions in his lodge than maintained then. I immediately ordered charges preferred and the lodge summoned, giving the W. M. to understand that if justice was not done it would result in the loss of their charter. This seemed to bring them to their senses, and as a result harmony again reigns in that lodge. Brethren, by the laws of this Grand Lodge the door of Masonry is barred against him who sells liquors. Should we tolerate those who use it in such measure as to make their lives a reproach to themselves and families, and bring disgrace upon this ancient and honorable institution? A drunkard is unfit company for any man, let alone a body of Masons. Then, if counsel and advice have no effect, if shame will not bring to them a realization of their degradation and of the destruction of their souls, why, invoke your laws and place them beyond the pale of the fraternity, where their actions cannot

lower it in the estimation of those who otherwise think favorably of it.

The next topic is that of lack of interest in the lodge made manifest by the small average attendance at regular meetings. In many lodges with a membership of from 50 to 60 the records show that the average attendance is from 10 to 14, and when we consider that special meetings for work (at which usually there is a larger attendance) are included, you can readily perceive that not more than a quorum is usually present at stated meetings to transact the regular business of the lodge. This is not right, brethren; there are many ways to create interest and cause a better attendance of your members, so long as you continue merely to open your lodge, transact your business and then close it to go home, so long will this state of affairs continue.

The lodge room is your Masonic home, where you may rest from labors, from the cares of your business, and you may forget in the enjoyment of the company of your brethren that to-morrow you must again resume your active duties in your sphere of usefulness.

It is at the lodge room where we meet upon the level and part upon the square; it is there we should all realize the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, in the mingling of every sect, clime and creed calling each other by the endearing title of brother.

Then how necessary it is first to make your lodge room comfortable and attractive, remembering that you cannot make it too beautiful in the interest of the noble purpose of our Grand Institution.

Then, second, attract your members to some stated meetings by some literary program (after the transaction of regular business). This program may be in the shape of an address by some brother or a debate in which the brethren should all be asked to assist, or have some good reader amongst the brethren read to you selections from the report on the Correspondence of our Grand Lodge. This report on correspondence can be made a valuable auxiliary to securing interest among your members. From it many topics for debate may be selected. It is usually written for the Grand Lodge by some well-informed brother reviewing the work of other jurisdictions, and in this case is the work of one of our Past Grand Masters, whose work is known and appreciated from Maine to California, and the knowledge that his work is largely read and appreciated at home would be an incentive for further efforts to please and interest you—for this report is written for you and for your better information.

And, thirdly, occasionally invite your families to meet you at the close of lodge work; have a good social time in your lodge room; have a musical or vocal program, to be followed by some light refreshments, and you will all feel better for the effort and enjoy the communion of friends and brethren and realise that the lodge can be made a most pleasant abiding place, a home, indeed, where pleasant friendships may be

created and around which many lingering memories of pleasant hours spent will ever be with you.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of their formation was duly celebrated with imposing ceremonies. There was also prepared a Masonic Souvenir of the occasion, consisting of 24 pages of fine half-tone cuts. Among these are the portraits of all their Grand Masters with biographical sketches of their lives. The speeches at the banquet were decidedly above the average.

Bro. William Blatt again reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1898.

Lodges, 93; members, 4437; increase, 48.

William H. Roddle (Brooklings), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Flandreau), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

86th Communication, Nashville, January 31, 1900.

Joseph H. Bullock, G. M.

The remarks of the Grand Master on the ever-present subject of non-affiliation are very much to the point:

Non-affiliates, like the poor, we have always with us. That the number is large is, to some extent, the fault of our lodges. A dilapidated hall, dirty, uncarpeted floor, broken windows, a corps of incompetent officers blundering over our beautiful ritual (and I blush to say, we have some, a few, such lodges); this combination does not draw men together, and I do not wonder that some withdraw from such association. Wrong? Yes, they are wrong; they should stay with their lodge and do their part in securing comfortable halls and learning the esoteric work of the Fraternity. But I am speaking of conditions, not theories. They do withdraw. How shall we stop it? Answer: Make our lodges attractive; good, nice carpets and chairs, and pictures on the walls; elect officers who are acquainted with English grammar and rhetoric, who can impart the ritual in an impressive manner. Cultivate the social virtues, and remember always these words of the Divine Teacher: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

How shall we win them back? Before answering, let us ask in each case, Why did he withdraw? If because the lodge, 20 years ago, did not elect him Master, he asked for a dimit, why, you had as well let him stay out. The chances are that he won't do much, if anything, if he returns. If on account of pressing business duties, inability to attend meetings at night, or any similar cause, just tell him about our Widows' and Orphans' Home, explain how that for a dollar or two annually he may be a partner in this Grand Charity. If there is a spark of Masonry in him, that will bring him back. Pardon a bit of

local history: Twenty or more members of my own lodge, who from various causes had withdrawn, have re-affiliated, all because of a desire to contribute to the Home. Brethren, try the argument on your worthy unaffiliated brethren.

The average number of the inmates of the Home for the past year was 108, and the average cost per month was \$5.48. The endowment fund amounts to \$4,000, with more promised.

The following shows the condition of the Craft:

A comparison of returns for the years 1896 and 1898 shows a total net decrease in membership of 434. This is more than accounted for in the loss sustained from demised lodges during this period, which foots up 451. Part of this loss was doubtless caused by the levying of a per capita tax for the support of the Home, but when we compare our experience on this line with that of sister jurisdictions we have abundant cause to "thank God and take courage." The loss is much less than the most sanguine friend of the Home anticipated. I am convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that this Grand Lodge could not have adopted a better plan to strengthen Masonry than the one adopted, i.e., to take charge of and sustain the Widows' and Orphans' Home. It is to be regretted that returns from subordinate lodges can not be had in time to enable the Grand Master to report more fully on this subject. I am glad, however, to be able to report renewed activity in a number of lodges, and confidently predict that under present changed conditions in commercial and industrial lines the year 1900 will show prosperity in the annals of our lodge.

Bro. George H. Morgan reports on correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1899, he indulges in a sneer at the "Canucks," which is totally misplaced. He must have been "color" blind at the time, or he would not have accomplished such an extreme perversion of the facts. He says that our Grand Master and Grand Lodge approved of the obnoxious "Negro" resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington, while as a matter of fact the "approval" he mentions was strictly confined to the repeal of those resolutions.

Lodges, 429; members, 17,221; decrease, 27.

James H. McClister (Morristown), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

64th Communication, Houston, Dec. 5, 1899.

S. R. Hamilton, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is a very able and interesting document, showing that all duties were prop-

erly fulfilled and that Bro. Hamilton was emphatically the right man in the right place. We extract as follows:

While some portions of our State have been devastated by unprecedented floods, and other parts have suffered on account of subsequent drouth, yet the greater portion of our jurisdiction has been blessed with abundant crops and an era of general prosperity and development appears to have dawned upon us. Capital, so long distrustful, seems to have been inspired with some degree of confidence, and is once more being invested, thus giving an impetus to business in general.

From personal information, as well as from information derived from official sources, I am disposed to believe that Masonry is keeping step in the onward march of moral and material progress. Greater care is being manifested in regard to the selection of proper material, and much progress is being made in the direction of toning the membership up on a higher moral plane.

As rapidly as their finances will permit lodges are purchasing lots and erecting thereon suitable lodge rooms. Many lodges, with wise forethought, are securing eligible lots in the business portions of towns and cities while they can be had, so that the lower rooms can be profitably rented for business purposes, thus bringing in a good revenue for charitable purposes.

Considerable improvement is also being observed in the furnishings of lodge rooms, and in the conferring of degrees.

Perhaps greater interest is being manifested in learning our ritual than ever before, and through our present efficient system of imparting the esoteric ritual, our authorized "work" is rapidly approaching uniformity, and ultimate success in that respect is now in sight.

Voluntary schools of instruction, taught by members of the Committee on Work, or by brethren holding certificates from said committee, have contributed largely towards this result.

The attainment of this end has been the earnest desire of this Grand Lodge for more than three-score years, and towards its accomplishment it has expended a liberal portion of its revenue. In addition to this outlay of means, many zealous craftsmen have unselfishly devoted to it the best years of their lives. Well might we congratulate ourselves upon the progress we have made, and that our authorized ritual is rapidly supplanting the conglomerate work caused by the introduction of Masonic provincialism in the early settlement of our state.

Brethren, the attainment of a high degree of ritualistic uniformity is indeed commendable. It is very necessary in its place. But let us not lose sight of the fact that Masonry is broader and deeper than its ritual; that behind its beautiful symbolism lies its philosophy; that its ritual is but the outcroppings, as it were, of a deep and hidden mine of rich moral and spiritual wealth within, worthy of being diligently worked by every craftsman.

There is a beautiful and mysterious duality in Masonry, an external, and an internal, a temporal part and an external principle, which connects it with that yet to come.

Our esoteric ritual might very appropriately be called the palladium of Masonry; it is the perpetuative medium of our order, and serves also as a means of recognition.

Our ritual has also a higher and a holier mission to perform. In the eternal wisdom of the Great Geometrician of the Universe, it is also designed to unfold to us the sublime philosophy of our ancient and mysterious institution. By the aid of revealed truth, it enables us to explore the wonderful arcana of God's gracious gifts to fallen man, and helps to illumine the pathway leading to the temple of holiness and happiness.

Having made such marked progress in the introduction of our authorized ritual, it seems that some attention could now be given, incidentally, to the moral application of our beautiful symbols.

By degrees the philosophy of Masonry can be thus unfolded, and a new charm added that would not only result in increased interest, but would inure to the moral uplifting of the membership.

I am of the opinion that, from now on our esoteric instruction should, to a reasonable extent, be illustrated and emphasized by moral application.

Even the reflection of Masonry, in the mirror of its ritual, is attractive; its shadow is beautiful—but transcendent in all its loveliness is Masonry itself.

Their new Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home was formally opened on Oct. 9, 1899. They have an endowment fund of nearly \$120,000. Their annual income is about \$14,000, which they estimate will barely enable them to keep 125 inmates. The building and land cost \$52,000, of which \$5,000 was paid by the lodge at Fort Worth, where the Home is located.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, Mexico, was present as a visitor.

On the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1899 in repealing their Negro resolutions, the following report was adopted:

It will be remembered that owing to the radical views adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898, whereby it repudiated the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction, and declared that the negro lodges of this country were legitimate, giving its subordinates authority to hold intercourse and affiliate with spurious and clandestine Masons, we felt impelled to sever all connections with that grand body. It gave us no pleasure to do this. We wish to hold courteous Masonic intercourse with all legitimate Masonic bodies that adhere to the ancient landmarks and hold to the true spirit of

Masonry. But the conduct of that Grand Lodge was, in our deliberate judgment, such a departure from all the principles of the order that we felt that we had no recourse left.

At its meeting in June, 1899, the Grand Lodge of Washington adopted a certain report and resolutions, which are now the subject matter of consideration, by which it seemingly undertook to repeal the obnoxious resolutions of 1898.

We are free to confess that they are not satisfactory. They are couched in such a superfluity of verbiage as to leave great doubts of their real meaning. The writer of that report, with exceeding ingenuity, has exhausted the vocabulary in an effort "how not to say it." They constitute a fearful and wonderfully constructed instrument. They do not strike us as being frank or ingenious. Having read them carefully five or six times, we own up that we cannot understand them. We hope that this results from our inability to comprehend that style of diplomatic composition, and not from any design upon the part of the composer. We are reminded of the celebrated debate in the Georgia scenes upon the question "Whether, in popular elections, the votes of faction or internal suggestion should dominate." One debater after another commenced to discuss the question, stop short with an air of dismay, and say, "Mr. President, I will pay my fine; I don't understand the question." We are just in that fix. We throw up the sponge and are willing to pay our fine. We don't understand the report or the resolutions, and respectfully refer to Bro. Matthew's comments.

Will the Grand Lodge of Washington please tell us in plain English what it does mean?

Does it recognize the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction?

Does it repudiate all spurious Masonry and especially the so-called Prince Hall Grand Lodge and all of its officers?

Does it refuse to recognise and will it prevent its subordinates from recognising, holding intercourse with or affiliating with spurious or clandestine Masons?

We have tried to find an answer to the above questions, or even to some of them, in the report and resolutions, but have totally failed.

The answers to these questions, embrace in a nut-shell, the issue which induced us to suspend intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington; and until satisfactorily made, we must be pardoned for allowing the statu quo to remain undisturbed.

Lodges, 626; members, 28,141; increase, 432.

R. M. Lusk (Bonham), G. M.

John Watson (Houston), G. S.

UTAH.

29th Communication, Ogden, Jan. 16, 1900.

James D. Murdoch, G. M.

The march of Freemasonry in Utah has been onward, and prosperity prevails in all their borders. The Grand Master condemns the principle of rotation in office, and points out the qualifications that if present in a Master, should procure his re-election.

If a lodge has found a Master who is proficient in the ritual, and well qualified to rule and govern his lodge, it should not make him vacate the Oriental Chair after the first year's experience, simply because the Wardens, who may be good fellows, "hail and well met," desire to have the P.M. affixed to their names, and to wear on the lapel of their Prince Albert coats a Past Master's Jewel. It is all wrong. I believe that in some lodges the seeds of disease in their growth has been planted by this, to me most objectionable, "rotation in office" custom.

An inefficient Warden will make a poor Master, and should not be advanced in line.

The ancient regulations have bestowed upon the Master of a lodge the power of a king, and if he uses that power intelligently and zealously, the lodge and the craft will be benefitted by it. In my opinion the brother who occupies the Oriental chair should be able to confer the Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry correctly, according to the standard adopted by the Grand Lodge; but he should also be versed in Masonic history, and capable of explaining to the brethren the meaning of the various symbols connected with those degrees. But he should be familiar with the by-laws of his lodge, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the general regulations of Masonry; and when presiding should enforce them. When the lodge is at labor he should insist that dignity and decorum are observed, and should not permit hilarity, heated discussions, or any debates by which the peace and harmony of the lodge might be destroyed. He should reconcile brethren among whom contentions exist. He should be firm in his rulings, not hasty and overbearing, but courteous. He should welcome visitors, and extend to them the warm hand of a Brother Mason. He should always bear in mind that Masonry is labor, and that no Mason can attain any distinction among the craft unless he is a faithful laborer and Masonic student. He should be prompt in attendance, and insist upon a like promptitude on the part of his fellow officers and all the Brethren. The distressed and needy of his lodge should never apply to him in vain; his heart should always be warm, and he should ever bear in mind that "the greatest of all is charity." But above all he should be himself a perfect gentleman, moral, true and upright; in his daily walks of life he should be without reproach, and should ever deport himself so that his brethren can point to him with pride, and that his fellow citizens must honor and respect him. A brother with these qualifications will be an ideal Master. Brethren, have you found such a Master? If you have, re-elect him again and

again, and as often as he is willing to serve your lodge in the high and honorable station of Worshipful Master.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized.

Bro. Christopher Diehl says that the address of our Grand Master Malone in 1899 is an able and earnest Masonic paper, "with the right kind of ring to it." Noticing his decision against the initiation of two or more candidates at the same time, Bro. Diehl says:

A certain sect living in the town of Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois, obtained from Grand Master Abraham Jonas, of the Grand Lodge of that State, a dispensation to open and hold a lodge in said town of Nauvoo. The dispensation was dated Oct. 15th, 1841, and the lodge was named Nauvoo lodge. It was set to work March 15th, 1842, and from that date up to the following 11th day of August—five months less four days—the lodge initiated 286 candidates, and passed and raised nearly as many. A record of the lodge has not been produced, we can only guess how it was done. They must have been balloted for about a dozen at the same time and initiated, passed and raised an equal number at the same time. The seer, revelator and prophet, Joe Smith, and his successor in office, Brigham Young, were members of that lodge.

The work of the Canada Lodge shows that history repeats itself. That the Nauvoo fellows beat the Canadian brethren twelve to two is true, but the principle is the same. Grand Master Malone did well in calling a halt and stopping the wholesale business. The Grand Lodge of Illinois tried its very best to stop it, but it could not do it. Three lodges were formed out of the one, and the three—Nauvoo, Helm and Nye—made nearly a whole regiment of Master Masons during the twelve months of their existence, which, of course, was the end of the Mormon Masonic lodges in Illinois and in other lands.

Lodges, 10; members, 867; increase, 60.

George V. Schramm (Ogden), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

106th Communication, Burlington, June 14, 1899.

Daniel N. Nicholson, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft he says:

I have in company with W. Bro. Charles C. Miller, Grand Lecturer, attended all of the thirteen district meetings held in this state, which includes every district in this Grand Jurisdiction. I have in each case made a short extempore address, endeavoring to say something of an instructive character.

This tour among the districts and lodges has been a sort of review of the work done for the past eleven years. In June,

1888, I was appointed Grand Lecturer by the Grand Master, M. W. Alfred A. Hall, and received two successive appointments to the same office by M. W. Grand Master George W. Wing, in June, 1889 and 1890, thus holding the office for three years, being among the brethren of the state much during that period of time. I have also been in close touch with them as I have advanced up the official line, having attended many district meetings. I am prepared to state authoritatively, that is, from personal observation, that the Masons of Vermont have grown not only numerically, but Masonically, in intelligence. They not only know the work and lectures as nearly letter perfect as it is in the power of man to know them, but they have learned that the Masonic institution is not wholly based on the correct recital of the ritual; that the ability to so recite does not make a man a Mason.

They have learned the great fundamental principles of our order to a considerable extent. They have learned to respect their Alma Mater, the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and its lawful representatives, sent out to teach them, and instead of receiving instruction as an insult, they receive it in the spirit in which it is always given by our Masonic teachers. The Grand Lecturer is a welcome guest, they want to see him, and if a train is delayed they worry for fear he will not come.

I attribute all this to the persistency of the several Grand Lecturers and District Deputies in fitting themselves for the discharge of their duties, by attending the annual meetings of the Deputies, by careful study, and profiting by the instruction given by Grand and Past Grand Officers, through all these years, and then transmitting the instruction thus obtained to the brethren about the state, supplemented by addresses on Masonic occasions to the lodges by some competent brother chosen by the brethren themselves, and holding district conventions annually. I hope our present customs may be faithfully continued by those who come after us.

Freemasonry stands high in the Green Mountain State, and I hope its banner may continue to wave untarnished, over an ever increasing membership of the true and trustworthy, through all ages to come.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized.

In this jurisdiction a Master who has served one year and has been re-elected to succeed himself, is not a Past Master until he retires from the Chair. This, we think, is contrary to the general rule. A brother who has actually served for one year as the Master of a lodge is certainly a Past Master.

In his review of Canada for 1898 Bro. Marsh O. Perkins has the following:

The reports of the District Deputies abound in interest, and make a complete pen picture of the activities of the craft. They also reflect the ardent zeal of wide-awake officials,

following in the footsteps of their earnest and enthusiastic predecessors, whose achievements have fully demonstrated to the Masonic world the incalculable benefit of the District Deputy system of supervision, when faithfully and intelligently employed. The reports are accompanied by tabulated statements of the amount expended in relief, the financial condition of the lodges, etc., and are valuable in many other respects.

Lodges, 102; members, 10,166; increase, 280.

W. Scott Nay (Underhill), G. M.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G. S.

VICTORIA.

At a special meeting on March 14, 1899, a revised Constitution was adopted.

At the quarterly meeting held at Melbourne on March 15, 1899, the Board of General Purposes reported the following resolution:

That in consequence of this interference with the ordinary business of the board at its regular meetings, caused by the time taken up in hearing charges and complaints; the board, under the power conferred by rule 239 of the constitutions, do appoint a committee consisting of nine members, together with the President and Grand Secretary, ex officio, to be called "The Judicial Committee," to meet at such times and places as the President shall from time to time appoint, and to report to the board. The special duties of such committee to be:

(a)—To consider all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual Freemasons which may be referred to it by the board.

(b)—To decide the course of procedure to be adopted in all or any of such cases.

(c)—To investigate the same and to make recommendations with regard thereto; and

(d)—To deal with any other business, whether of a like character or not, which may be referred to it by the board.

A new lodge was formed at Port Arlington on April 21st.

June 21, 1899: A discussion arose on a motion providing that the Ancient Landmarks according to Mackey be printed with the revised Constitution. One brother said that they should be printed, because although the brethren were obligated to keep the Landmarks, very few ever saw them. The Grand Registrar pointed out that the difficulty was to find out what the Ancient Landmarks really were, and that Mackey's list had not been generally accepted. The motion was then withdrawn.

Lodges, 171; members, 7737; increase, 189.

Lord Brassey (Melbourne), G. M.

John Braim (Melbourne), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

122nd Communication, Alexandria, Dec. 13, 1899.

R. T. W. Duke, Jr., G. M.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present, and among them we find R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, our D. G. M., who made a happy response to his cordial welcome.

The ceremonies incident to the observance of the 100th Anniversary of Washington's death were conducted by the Grand Lodge, and were most imposing. The principal address was delivered by the President, Bro. McKinley.

The report on the address of the Grand Master contains the following paragraphs:

The Grand Master's references to the Masonic life and character of Washington were most fitting, and aptly expressed, and your committee would especially direct attention to the account he gives of the origin in Colorado of this grand national Masonic observance of the death of our distinguished brother, and also to the great unanimity with which the suggestion of our sister jurisdiction of the far west was taken up by the other Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and by others beyond our territory.

The cordial welcome extended by the Grand Master to the visiting grand officers and brethren from other jurisdictions deserves and will meet with a hearty response of approval in the heart of every Virginia Mason. This has been fully exemplified by the fraternal greetings which have been so lavishly extended to their brethren by each and every member of this Grand Lodge, both individually and collectively. The welcome of your Grand Master was but an exposition of your own feelings and wishes on this subject.

The visitations of the Grand Master to the lodges in the different parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, so graphically described in his address, present a lovely picture of the fraternal spirit existing throughout our borders, and the universal peace and harmony that pervades our household. Your committee endorse with great emphasis the Grand Master's commendation of social gatherings of Masons with their wives and daughters around the festive board and otherwise. He has well said that there is "nothing better calculated to advance the cause of Freemasonry than such entertainments."

The exhortation of the Grand Master in behalf of that grandest monument of Masonic charity in this jurisdiction, the Masonic Home, cannot be too highly commended. It is gratifying to learn from the head of the Craft that the contributions during the year have been liberal and freely given, and that all the Masonic orphans who have applied for admission have been received into its care, and are being properly provided for. This most important subject will be thoroughly examined into by the standing committee specially charged with all matters of interest to their institution, and we do not deem it necessary or proper to make any recommendations in respect thereto.

In the report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, we find the following remarks on our Proceedings of 1899:

It is not given to all Grand Masters to deliver addresses the beautiful diction of which charms the ear like that of Grand Master Sutherland, of New York, but there is another kind of excellence in addresses which is equally admirable, and a specimen is before us. Grand Master Malone's teems with sound Masonic counsel, and while it is evidently not intended as an impressive oration, it is clear English and sound sense from beginning to end. In reading it over only such passages as seemed too good to be left out of this report were marked for quotation, and yet they are far more in amount than space can be found for.

It seems that he called upon his District Deputies to aid him in bringing back into the fold as many as possible of the unaffiliates and those suspended for non-payment of dues, and he praises them for their successful efforts. Perhaps a little more work on this line may prove it to be the long sought panacea for the evil, but we fear that it is working from the wrong end. The large majority of those composing this class should have been turned back at the door when they first applied. We ought not to seek or even want vast numbers, but should, on the contrary, rigidly reject all but the good work, square work. If lodges will take in nearly all comers, they must expect in the nature of things to have much pruning to do as the result if the institution is to remain healthy.

Lodges, 269; members, 12,836; decrease, 68.

George W. Wright (Marion), G. M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

42nd Communication, Seattle, June 13, 1899.

William H. Upton, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is largely taken up with arguments and replies to the other Grand Lodges who declared non-intercourse on account of the Negro

question. One paragraph is worthy of notice as interesting to outsiders :

Thinking advice from brethren not influenced by local interests might also be valuable, I addressed a circular letter, under date January 20th, 1899, to 25 Grand Masters outside of the United States, inviting an expression of their opinions upon "any phase" of the matters involved, and requesting their fraternal advice as to the course I ought to advise you to take. I assured the brethren to whom this letter was addressed that what they said would not be construed as binding upon their grand lodges, and would be treated as sacredly confidential if they so desired. Their answers disclosed a very general wish to avoid appearing to interfere with American Masonic affairs. One Grand Master in British North America took what may be called the common American view. Another, the M. W. Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, thought we erred in expressing our opinion without consulting sister grand lodges. He thought "the problem" might have been "amicably settled" by a commission of representatives of all the American Grand Lodges; and that, in time, "the color line will fade, and eventually one United Masonic Fraternity will stand to help and bless its votaries." With these two exceptions, not one syllable of disapproval of the course of the Grand Lodge of Washington, unless in some small matter of detail, have I received during the year from any source outside of the United States. But, on the other hand, by Grand Masters and eminent Masonic scholars and jurists in nearly every part of the world, the Grand Lodge of Washington has been lauded for its courage, its appreciation of the spirit of Masonry, and its willingness to lay aside prejudice and let the spirit of the institution rule its actions; and the actions of those who have criticised us have been condemned as unwarranted infringement upon our sovereignty.

On the funeral ritual he says :

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the funeral ritual in use in this jurisdiction contains certain allusions which appear to be of a sectarian character. I allude to passages which appear to declare a belief in the resurrection of the physical body, as distinguished from the soul and spiritual body. Such a belief may be the true one—no Mason, as a Mason, has a right to say that it is not. But it is not one of the teachings of Masonry, and is offensive to the ears of brethren who believe otherwise. I therefore recommend that this matter be referred to a committee to report at our next annual communication. I also find, in a monitor compiled by a former officer of this Grand Lodge and extensively used by our brethren, certain expressions of a distinctively Christian character. These should not be used in our lodges.

Two new lodges were formed. No cases of grievance of any consequence were reported. The year's work

shows a decided and gratifying improvement over that of recent years. Comparatively few have been dropped for n.p.d.

The report of the special committee on Negro Masonry was almost unanimously adopted as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Washington, in response to the several requests of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, Utah, Massachusetts and Maine, to the effect that it reconsider its action of last year in adopting four resolutions relating to the subject of Masonry among the negroes of America, printed at page 60 of its Proceedings for 1898, doth now fraternally declare as follows:

First, That it appreciates to the fullest extent the fraternal feeling and the zeal for Masonry which actuated its sister Grand Lodges in making the requests referred to, and the courteous language in which those requests, in the greater part, are framed.

Second, That it trusts its sister Grand Lodges appreciate the fact that these requests are presented to it at a time when it is facing attacks upon its autonomy and sovereignty which, if successful, would result not only in the destruction of its Masonic independence, but, ultimately, in the abrogation of that principle of local self-government, subject to the Landmarks only, which has prevailed among Masons from time immemorial; and that as these assaults are connected with the resolutions to which our good brethren allude, this Grand Lodge would hardly be blameworthy if it declined—so long as an enemy is at its gate breathing threatenings and slaughter—to take any step that might be construed as a concession to threats, or that might encourage similar attacks upon it or upon others, in the future.

Third, That, notwithstanding these deterrent circumstances, feeling itself strong enough, with the blessing of God, to defend the interests of Masonry committed to its keeping, even against the attacks of misguided brethren; and being most desirous of promoting that harmony which all recognize as the very keystone of Masonry; in further continuance of its brotherly love and friendship for the M. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, Utah, Massachusetts, and Maine, this Grand Lodge unhesitatingly and with unmixed pleasure, declares its willingness to comply with said requests to the fullest possible extent.

Fourth, That accordingly it has carefully reconsidered its said action and resolutions of last year, with the results stated below.

Fifth, That this Grand Lodge does not see its way clear to modify in any respect the first of said resolutions, but reaffirms the same as follows:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, Masonry is universal; and, without doubt, neither race nor color is among the tests proper to be applied to determine the fitness of a candidate for the degrees of Masonry."

And, conconantly with the spirit of that resolution, this Grand Lodge would fraternally suggest to the whole fraternity, and more especially to those Grand Lodges whose laws forbid the initiation of men of a certain race, the propriety of carefully considering whether such laws are not inconsistent with the spirit of Freemasonry, and whether they place beyond the pale of Masonry the bodies which enact them. Upon the latter of these questions this Grand Lodge expresses no opinion at this time.

Sixth. That it is manifest to this Grand Lodge that the second of its said resolutions, while entirely clear to all the members of this jurisdiction, has been very generally misunderstood elsewhere; and, in particular, that the latter part of it has been erroneously understood to accord recognition to certain organizations incidentally mentioned therein. Therefore, with the hope of removing all misunderstandings, and satisfying every reasonable objection, said resolution is hereby repealed. And whereas, the relations of the Grand Lodge of Washington with the present M. W. United Grand Lodge of England during the whole existence of this Grand Lodge have been and now are of the most fraternal and cordial character. In view of this and other circumstances, including its own descent, the comity due from one Masonic body to another, and its duty to preserve harmony among its own members, this Grand Lodge does not see its way clear to deny or question the right of its constituent lodges or of the members thereof to recognize as a brother Mason any man (otherwise in good Masonic standing) who has been regularly initiated into Masonry by authority derived, regularly, and strictly in accordance with the laws of the Masonic Institution, from the United Grand Lodge of England or from either of the two Grand Lodges which joined in forming that United Grand Lodge in 1813, so long as the regularity of such initiations remains unquestioned by the United Grand Lodge of England; provided, always, that such initiation conflict with no law of the Masonic Institution, and that the old landmarks be carefully preserved.

Seventh. That whereas, the third of said resolutions has been widely—though erroneously, as this Grand Lodge believes—supposed to encourage the establishment of a second Grand Lodge within the State of Washington; and whereas, it appears to be open to the objection of pledging this Grand Lodge to a course in future years which may not be consistent with the judgment of the brethren then composing the Grand Lodge; and whereas, this Grand Lodge is not insistent upon any one plan for dealing with the matter to which that resolution relates, but is willing to consider any plan that may preserve harmony and subserve the ends of truth and justice; and whereas, the publication of that resolution for one year has served—with our own members and with all by whom the meaning intended was understood—all necessary purposes, and its further publication might lead to further misapprehensions; therefore it is now—

Resolved, That said third resolution be repealed.

Eighth. That this Grand Lodge fully confirms the several assurances given by its M. W. Grand Master during the year, that it has not accorded recognition to a second Grand Lodge in any state or country.

Ninth. That whereas, it seems to have been supposed by some of the Grand Lodges named above that this Grand Lodge is not in sympathy with the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and might favor dual Grand Lodges, this Grand Lodge declares that that supposition is erroneous, and that the circumstances in her history which appear to have led them to that opinion were, to a large extent, occasioned by her desire to avoid a course which she supposed might disturb the harmony of sister jurisdictions.

Tenth. That whereas certain novel and erroneous notions upon the subject of Masonic government, pernicious and destructive if put in practice, have recently been asserted and adopted with the apparent desire of hampering this Grand Lodge and destroying its independence, this Grand Lodge most emphatically declares that while it expects to continue the practice of that comity towards and consideration for other Grand Lodges which have characterised every portion of its past history, it will not tolerate the slightest infringement from any source whatever, under claim of right, upon its powers and prerogatives as the sole and supreme constitutional head of a body of independent Masonic Lodges; and, in particular, it maintains that it is "amenable to no superior jurisdiction under heaven," and, except during its own pleasure, is subject, in matters of Masonry, to no law except the Landmarks of Masonry and its own constitution; and it totally repudiates, as a recent innovation and one destructive of harmony and subversive of inalienable Masonic rights, the idea that a Grand Lodge or its constituent lodges are legally or morally bound by regulations adopted, without their assent, by other Grand Lodges. Nor can this Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her lodges do not possess the plenary rights to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons, claiming to be Masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation. This right has been inherent in Masonic lodges since the dawn of Masonic history, and in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, is not to be questioned; yet it is always to be exercised with due comity toward sister lodges, and with the most strict regard for every law of Masonry.

This Grand Lodge has been led to make these declarations of her opinions and purposes, as well as by a belief that some fundamental principles of Masonry have been overlooked by those who have attacked or criticized her, as by a sincere desire to promote that harmony which is the peculiar strength and support of our institution, for the disturbance of which she is unable to consider herself in any way responsible. She makes no claim to inerrancy of judgment; and wherein she may be in error, whether in these declarations or in any other

matter whatsoever, she will always be glad to correct her mistakes. She feels, however, that she is the peer of any Grand Lodge, and that her reason and her love of Masonry should be appealed to, instead of resorting to contumely, reproaches, and violence against her. The world's witnesses that this has not always been done; and while she utters few complaints, grief and disappointment fill her heart when she ponders on the words and actions of some of those of whom she had reason to expect better things.

Finally, The Grand Lodge of Washington sends fraternal greetings to all true brethren throughout the world, of every race, clime and creed. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and Masonic virtue cement us.

The Grand Representative system was restored.

Lodges, 100; members, 4949; increase, 316.

William M. Seeman (Fort Steilacoom), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

35th Communication, Martinsburg, Nov. 15, 1899.

Joseph Hall, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master occupied two hours and twenty minutes in its delivery and it covers 59 pages of the Proceedings. All the acts of the year are given in detail, with much good advice to the brethren. Three new lodges were opened.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge all the eleven District Deputies handed in their reports. The Craft is in fine condition and the lodges prospering.

A resolution to abolish the Past Master's Degree was indorsed by the Grand Lodge and lies over for one year before final action.

The Grand Secretary presented his 14th report on Correspondence, covering 280 pages and giving an exhaustive review of all the jurisdictions, including Canada for 1899. He regards the address of Grand Master Malone as a very able production, and praises up our work as follows:

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports are so complete and exhaustive, it is a real pleasure to read them. Usually these officers visit every lodge in their respective districts; and in submitting reports to the M. W. Grand Master, they enter into the minutest details as to the condition of every lodge in their respective districts. These reports furnish the real condition and actual history of every lodge in the jurisdiction. I have so often, in my reviews of the proceedings of this M.W.

Grand Lodge, adverted to these reports of District Deputies, that it will appear a work of supererogation to repeat it again. Suffice it to say that I have found no other Grand Lodge on, or off this continent, which receives reports of the general high character of these of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada. It is said that "comparisons are odious," and they are; but let "the offended brother" rise up and complain as to the comparison above made. He will not be found on either of the hemispheres, or on the islands of the seas. He will remain silent.

Lodges, 119; members, 6567; increase. 316.

Neil Robinson (Charleston), G. M.

George W. Atkinson (Charleston), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

55th Communication, Milwaukee, June 13, 1899.

James G. Monahan, G. M.

In these days of special dispensations for all sorts of purposes the following comes to us with a genuine refreshing coolness, and we cannot but admire the Grand Master's firmness and good sense :

I refused to grant a dispensation to permit several officers of one of our regiments to be ballotted for in the lodge at their home, waiving constitutional time, and allow a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction to confer the degrees. In so doing I took the position that the officers were all of mature age, and comfortably fixed financially; that for many years they had resided in a city where there was a strong, active lodge, yet they had never sought admission; and I could not help but think that they were then seeking to join the Order more for what Masonry would do for them than what they could do for Masonry.

The Grand Secretary is of the opinion that there does not seem to be occasion to go to the cost of erecting—and the greater expense of maintaining—a Masonic Home for the few who would be found to avail themselves of its privileges.

The Grand Lecturer reports the usual schools of instruction held with good attendance, and a general improvement in the lodges.

In his review of Kansas, Bro. Aldro Jenks has the following very sensible remarks on public appearances :

We are in full accord with our distinguished Correspondent with his views concerning the propriety of lodges attending public worship in regalia, and with him "we wonder what part a few white gloves can have in the worship of God. Lodge regalia has its use and place, but in this day and age we think it should not be worn in public worship. It detracts

the minds, attracts the audience, and destroys true worship. If the lodge goes for the purpose of worship, regalia will not be needed. "Lodges should not be seen in public merely for show or help others make a show."

Lodges, 237; members, 17,421; increase, 195.

Charles E. Whelan (Madison), G. M.

John W. Laflin (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

25th Communication, Cheyenne, Sept. 13, 1899.

J. M. Rumsey, G. M.

The Grand Master's suggestion as to forming a Supreme Grand Lodge does not seem to have been received with much approval.

I may also say, during the past year, I have addressed a letter to the different Grand Masters throughout the United States, asking their opinion of the advisability and practicability of establishing a Supreme or Sovereign Grand Lodge, after the analogy of similar organizations in other Masonic Orders.

I wish to say very distinctly that my letter on this subject was merely tentative and experimental. My object was simply to get an approximate consensus of opinion on the subject, in its most general form, and I am aware that such changes as this could only safely and wisely be made, after thorough consideration and general consent.

This I have offered "for the good of Masonry." If, at some future time, it passes into effect, I shall have some satisfaction in having had some small share in its creation; if the maturer consideration of those more experienced than myself rejects it as unnecessary and unwise, I shall in no way feel aggrieved.

The reception accorded to my suggestions by the different Grand Masters has been various, and I will frankly state it. Some endorse the idea, while feeling that a unanimous approval is not to be expected at present; some approve it, with certain safeguards and modifications; some are sympathetic, while non-committal, while others are opposed to the scheme in any shape or form.

The chief objection seems to be that such a proposal is a menace to the independence and sovereignty of the Grand Lodge in each State, and some feel that the necessary expense would be a drag upon the Order everywhere. I am bound to say that I cannot see that any form of a sovereign Grand Lodge which was created by the free and unanimous suffrages of all the Grand Lodges could possibly be an injury to those lodges, while the principle for which I am contending is already acknowledged by the very Grand Lodges themselves.

Every lodge is, in a sense, sovereign and independent; yet

all the lodges are obedient to the Grand Lodge, whose Master may, at any time, enter their preparation rooms and preside over their meetings. I can conceive circumstances in which the interference of the Grand Master of any State, in the local affairs of any lodge, might be resented, yet this does not prevent the most cordial relations from existing between the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of any State. Neither, of course, would a Supreme Grand Master interfere with the local affairs of any individual Grand Lodge.

The idea of the sovereignty of every Grand Lodge is good, and I am not in favor of anything that would impair it, but it is evident that that supremacy, being a State supremacy, cannot possibly have anything to say concerning those questions which are larger than Grand Lodge questions and belonging to Freemasonry everywhere.

I only plead for a tribunal which shall voice the sentiments of all the Grand Lodges, when necessary, and not for an authority outside them all, to which they do not contribute, and of which they are not a part. My idea is federal, not autocratic; central, not despotic; the united voice of all, focussed into a single lodge; not an arbitrary power, responsible to none and dominating all. If my idea is faulty, imperfect and injurious, it will be, and ought to be, rejected; if it is wise, sound and Masonic, it will ultimately prevail and I am content to wait in this, and in other necessary matters of reform and progress, for "more light."

The following by-law was adopted:

It shall be and is hereby made the imperative duty of lodges in this jurisdiction to restrain as far as possible the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors or beverages of every kind and character and for the faithful performance of this duty each lodge shall be held accountable to the Grand Lodge.

The following report of the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted:

1. That in our opinion the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master with reference to the restoration of those members suspended for non-payment of dues, should not be adopted. The effect must be to prevent such restoration in the majority of cases, and members are not usually so suspended, who would care for restoration, except their condition has been such as to make it possible for them to pay their dues.

2. That the previous action of the Grand Lodge concerning the interchange of Grand Representatives be not reconsidered.

3. That the question of a Masonic Home be referred to a special committee of three to report at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

4. That as to the adoption of an official work prepared by one of our Past Grand Masters, we recommend the matter be referred to a special committee of three to report at our next annual communication.

The repeal of the recognition of Negro Masonry resolutions by the Grand Lodge of Washington does not seem to be satisfactory and a more explicit declaration is asked for:

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in recognizing Negro Masonry, and the report of a committee of seven Past Grand Masters, recommending said action at the recent Annual Communication of that Grand Body, respectfully report that we have considered the subject matter and recommend that the action of our M. W. Grand Master in requesting a special report from the Committee on Correspondence, and in printing and distributing the report, be and the same is hereby approved, and that said report be approved as voicing the sentiment of this Grand Lodge upon the question involved. Your Committee is of opinion that whilst the Grand Body has considered the resolutions adopted in 1898, it has not abandoned the position assumed that Negro Lodges and Grand Lodges deriving their descent from the so-called African Lodge, No. 459, are to all intents and purposes legitimate Masonic bodies, and the members thereof entitled to visit regular lodges and be affiliated therein. In proof of this we quote the following from the recent report reconsidering said action: "In view of this and other circumstances, including its own descent, the comity due from one Masonic body to another, and its duty to preserve harmony among its own members, this Grand Lodge does not see its way clear to deny or question the right of its constituent lodges or of the members thereof, to recognize as a brother Mason any man (otherwise in good Masonic standing) who has been regularly initiated into Masonry by authority derived regularly and strictly in accordance with the laws of the Masonic Institution, from the United Grand Lodge of England or from either of the two Grand Lodges which joined in forming the United Grand Lodge in 1813, so long as the regularity of such initiation remains unquestioned by the United Grand Lodge of England; provided, always, that such initiation conflict with no law of the Masonic Institution, and that the old landmarks be carefully preserved." In addition to the foregoing quotation, your committee quotes the following from the tenth sub-division of said report:

"Nor can this Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her lodges do not possess the plenary rights to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be Masons who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting it or as applicants for affiliation.

Your Committee agrees with the position assumed in the last quotation, when applied to Masons made in regular, just and lawfully constituted lodges, recognized as such everywhere, but dissent therefrom when applied to men claiming to be Ma-

sons, whether white or colored, who are held and declared to be clandestine by the Grand Lodges of the country, either singly or collectively. Your Committee is further of the opinion that any man or body of men held and declared by a Grand Lodge to be clandestine are such everywhere and that any Grand Lodge that cannot see its way clear to prohibit the membership of its obediene from setting aside a fundamental law by absolving themselves from the obligations assumed when becoming members, but on the contrary directs such membership to release themselves from their obligations by recognizing clandestine Masons held to be such everywhere in this country except within that jurisdiction whenever they are pleased to visit or apply for affiliation, has no right either legally or morally to object or complain when other Grand Lodges that have declared such visitors or applicants for affiliation clandestine, cease fraternal relations therewith.

Your Committee, whilst recognizing, endorsing and upholding the doctrine that every Grand Lodge is sovereign and supreme in the control of matters Masonic within its territorial jurisdiction, are of the opinion that there is a distinction or rather a limit beyond which no Grand Lodge can place itself without jeopardizing its status among the Grand Lodges of our country, and any Grand Lodge that recognizes or permits or directs the membership of its constituents to recognize or affiliate with any man or body of men declared by any other Grand Lodge to be clandestine, places itself beyond the limit and thereby becomes subject to review by all other Grand Lodges. In other words, no Grand Lodge can set aside or permit its subordinates, much less license the latter, to set aside a fundamental law without subjecting itself to review by all other Grand Bodies as in the recent case of Peru and the Grand Lodge of Washington itself.

Your Committee regrets that the Grand Lodge of Washington did not see its way clear to simply and directly reconsider everything connected with its action of 1898, and remove all grounds of complaint and thus restore peace and harmony that should exist between regular Masons everywhere instead of providing ways and means to evade and set aside such reconsideration which the recent report taken as a whole clearly establishes, as evidenced by the quotations cited herein and other language contained in said report.

In view of the unsatisfactory contents of said report your committee feels constrained to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Washington be and is hereby fraternally requested to declare explicitly whether any man or body of men, whether white or black, claiming to be Masons, held and declared to be clandestine everywhere in this country or by any Grand Lodge, are or will be permitted to visit or affiliate with any of its constituent lodges, or be recognized by the membership thereof as regular Masons.

We extend our deep sympathy to Bro. William L. Kuykendall in the loss of his life partner. His report

was prepared under sorrowful circumstances. Canada for 1898 has a good notice.

Lodges, 16; members, 1044; increase, 59.

E. P. Bowman (Newcastle), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

All of which is faithfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, June 11, 1900.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1899	New Brunswick	1899
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Connecticut	1900	New York	1899
Delaware	1899	New Zealand	1899
District of Columbia.	1899	North Carolina....	1900
England	1899	North Dakota	1899
Florida	1900	Nova Scotia.....	1899
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Illinois	1899	Oregon	1899
Indiana	1899	Pennsylvania	1899
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Iowa	1899	Quebec	1900
Kansas	1900	Rhode Island	1899
Kentucky	1899	South Australia	1899
Louisiana	1900	South Carolina	1899
Maine	1899	South Dakota	1899
Manitoba	1899	Tennessee	1900
Maryland	1899	Texas	1899
Massachusetts	1899	Utah	1900
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Minnesota	1900	Victoria	1899
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